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January 1984  
(written in March 1984)

Dear Fellow Pioneers,

Puff! Puff! Puff! I'm catching up at last. What a winter this has been! By now you will have received your October issue - 4 months late - and here the January one is - only a couple of months late. If my luck holds out - and the volunteers who have offered to help - the April one will be on time.

I owe each of you a big apology, an even bigger thanks, and an explanation. I'm sorry that things have been so slow - and so goofed up - and THANKS for being patient. Now, for the explanation.

Shortly after the gathering last fall, I found it necessary to return to work full-time. The job turned out to be more than I expected. It involved 50 hours a week (in 6 days) - and with driving time, I was gone from home 11 hours five days a week and 6 hours on Saturdays. That left me just enough time to eat, sleep and try to care for my husband, children and 11 room house. There was little time left for genealogy. To top it all, the tension at work was "horrific" and I was in near-tears most evenings.

Then - there was a misunderstanding with the printer and the fall issue was printed on one side only. It was impossible to hold them together with staples. Consequently, I had to put them together as I did - and wrap each one in brown paper. Since I no longer live near Betty, I did it by myself and it took nearly three weeks of my short evenings.

I am happy to say that the task was finally accomplished - and the books were mailed. We've changed the procedure for doing the Journals and I've changed jobs. From now on, I'll write and type the camera-ready copy (with donations from you folks for some of the articles); Lolita Guthrie will have them printed in Bowling Green, Oh., where we get the best price; then she'll mail them to Betty rather than to me. Betty will staple them (Lolita collates them), address and mail them.

I think this is a good time to point out that the Hacker's Creek Pioneers is strictly a non-profit, voluntary organization. All the monies received are used to publish the Journal and to maintain the business end (postage, office supplies and a few things for our limited library). No member receives compensation for any work done.

I think that I have answered most of the back-log of letters; if, by some chance, I missed yours, please write again and ask your question.

I hope that you will find this issue as interesting and exciting as your letters tell me you have found the past issues. I think you will.

The Waggoner story by Cris Waggoner of Casper, Wy., is being published in two parts. The second half will follow in the April issue. Cris chose to use the Journal to tell the story of the early Waggoners rather than to write a book. We thank her for the honor - and for the tremendous amount of research that has gone into her manuscript.

Howard Bonnett, the author of "Bonnet(t)s and Kin", submitted the well-done article on Jean Jacques Bonnett. He even went so far as to have the needed number of copies printed and sent them for inclusion in the issue.

"At Home in the Heart of Appalachia" by John O'Brien was first read by Betty Graybill in The Country Journal in September 1983. It was just before our own gathering and it touched her heart. She gave it to me and I could see "us" in the story. I immediately decided that I would like to include it in one of our issues. I wrote to Country Journal for permission to reprint. Since they had only purchased the "First Publication Rights", they could not grant the permission; however, they forwarded my letter to the author - and voila! - we had his permission - and at no charge! THANK YOU, John!

I'm happy to say that the 1984 officers are working fast and furious - making plans for the 1984 Gathering and the celebration of the 225th anniversary of the settling of Hacker's Creek.

Bill Adler, author of the "Yosteryear" column in The Weston Democrat, is asking our assistance in locating all the historical spots on Hacker's Creek. If you know the exact locations of any of the events mentioned in Chronicles of Border Warfare or Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia, please contact Bob Smith or me with the details.

Till next time -

Cordially,



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# 1984 GATHERING

The 1984 Gathering of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants will be September 28, 29 and 30, at Jackson's Mill in Lewis County, W. Va., near Weston. 1984 will mark the 225th anniversary of the arrival of the first settlers on Hacker's Creek and promises to make this an extra-special event.

Jan Roby Cosgrove, 15 College Ave., Buckhannon, W. Va., 26201 - Phone 304-472-0432, Vice-President of HCPD and Chairman of the Gathering has three requests to make of the members.

1. If any have suggestions of what they want at our next gathering, please send to her.
2. Plans are being made to introduce all members who are present. They ask that each who desires to participate in this introduction write a one page letter about their ancestors and interests and send it to Jan.
3. Please let Jan know if you have a special talent such as special music (vocal or instrumental) or speaking.

Further plans for the gathering will appear in the April issue. WATCH FOR THEM!!!

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## MORRISON CEMETERY

Those of you with ancestors or relatives buried in the Morrison (Old Hacker) Cemetery will be interested to learn that Maurice Allman has been working on some proposed levels of care for the cemetery. Although he has not yet come up with the costs for any of the levels, he has submitted a list of levels. Please let him know your thoughts on the subject at Rt. 2 Box 264D, Philippi, W. Va. 26416

1. Do nothing - at no cost.
2. Cut grass and brush one time each year - Sept. 25th
3. Cut grass and brush two times each year - on or about May 25 and Sept. 25.
4. Cut grass and brush three times each year - on or about May 25, July 25 and Sept. 25.
5. Cut grass and weeds on or about the 25th of each month of April, May, June, July August and September.

THE WAGGONERS OF HACKER'S CREEK  
by Cris Waggoner

NOTE: All spellings will be used as found in the original records. All material within has been fully researched and references recorded by Mrs. Waggoner.

1748 - Port of Philadelphia and Germantown, Pennsylvania

It was the year 1748, late in the fall, a Friday the 25th of October, when the ship Patience and Margaret, Captained by John Goven, late of Rotterdam, last of Leith, sailed up the Delaware River into the Port of Philadelphia. Among the passengers of seventy-one men, twenty-nine women, and six children were our ancestors, the Waggoners, and their friends.

The Captain's list #123 - A read: William Waggoner, 42 years; Jacob Lantz, 30 years; Johannes Lock, 24 years; Baltzar Fliescher, 20 years. Names of the women and children were not listed. It is of interest to note that on the signature list #123 - B and C, the names read: Wilhelm (X) Wagner where he signed his (X), Jacob Lantz signed as Johannes Lantz and Baltzar Fliescher remained the same spelling as the Captain's list.

Wilhelm Waggoner age 42 years would have been born around 1706 in Germany. His wife Anna Elisabeth and two children - Mary around 10 years of age and Johannes Peter maybe 6 years of age - all arrived on the same ship.

The Waggoners, followed by both Johannes Lantz and Baltzar Fliescher, located in the Germantown, Penna., area where all are found in church records in the next seven years. Germantown was settled by thirteen German families in 1683 and in 1748 had a heavy German populace. It lay some 14 miles to the northwest of the city of Philadelphia. Just to the west of Germantown was located White Marsh, an area also populated by German settlers.

St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church, established in 1728, served all this area and the surrounding countryside. Today the third St. Michael's, built in 1895, stands on the original site at 6671 Germantown Avenue in Philadelphia. The old cemetery, begun some two hundred and fifty-six years ago, is at the back of the church; a more recent cemetery is at the front.

The old Germantown Pike, now Germantown Avenue, cuts through all this part of Philadelphia County. Aided by the Pike for travel, the Waggoner family may well have resided in nearby White Marsh and attended St. Michael's.

The early St. Michael's church records for 1749, April 24, shows the baptism of Anna Elisabeth, daughter of Wilhelm Wagner and Anna Elisabeth Wagnerin\* at the age of four weeks (b. 27 March 1749 - on a Thursday), five months and two days after the family's arrival in America. Godparents were Baltzar Fliescher and Anna Elisabeth Dammerin. The record establishes the name of Wilhelm's wife and mother of the children Mary, Johannes Peter and Anna Elisabeth. It also shows the location of Baltzar Fliescher in the same church.

Sometime between April 1749 and December 1750 Anna Elisabeth Wagnerin died. I have found no date of burial or death in the St. Michael's records. Although I have found no records for a second marriage for Wilhelm Waggoner to Agnesa, the mother of his children Johannes and Barbara, the St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church records of Baptism for 26 April 1752 shows the baptism of Johannes, son of Wilhelm Wagner and Agnesa his wife. Johannes was born 24 November 1751. Godparents were Johannes Lantz and Maria Margaretha Benderin "Reformed". This gives proof of the marriage and the birth of the son; it also establishes the location of Johannes Lantz.

Appearing in Christopher Sower's Germantown newspaper on Wednesday, 1 November 1752, was this advertisement:

"Marian Johanna Benderin, widow, arrived in America five years ago (1747) with three daughters, Maria Margartha, Apollonia, and Christina. The daughters have served their time (indenture time) and Maria, who is with Henrich Zimmerman, Conestogo (Lancaster County, Pennsylvania) seeks her mother."

The ad appeared one month and twelve days before the marriage of Johannes Lantz and Maria Margaretha Benderin at St. Michael's on 12 December 1752. The record is in German and states that Johannes Lantz, being a single young man, in good standing, living in the house of Wilhelm Wagner, married this day, Maria Margaretha Benderin, a young woman, single and of the Reformed Religion, having worked her indenture to Richard Wahl of Whitmarsh, was free to marry.

Other Wagners and Lantzes were in the Germantown area. If they were related, I have found no proof of it.

The last date or presence I found of the Wilhelm Waggoner family in this area was in 1753 where on May 6 they were Godparents to Johannes Wilhelm, son of Johannes Wiltmann and Catharene, at the St. Michael's Church.

In the City of Philadelphia, the records of the Evangelical Lutheran (Church) Congregation contain the marriage of Baltzar Fleisher September 18, 1750, to Hanna Catharine Wietmannin, and also the baptism of two daughters - Anna Elisabeth born 6 September 1751 and Anna Catherine born 29 September 1753. There is a similarity in the two spellings of Johannes Wiltmann and Hanna Catharine Wietmannin when written in longhand. ( ) Perhaps there is a connection.

After living in the area for seven years or so, the Waggoner family and the newly married Lantz couple disappeared from all records of old St. Michael's. Sometime after 1753, Wilhelm Waggoner, his second wife Agnesa and children - Mary, Johannes Peter, Anna Elisabeth and Johannes - migrated to the South Branch of the Potomac, Hampshire County (later Hardy County), Virginia. It's certain Johannes Lantz and wife Maria Margaretha traveled along as other records show them there also.

1754 - The South Branch of the Potomac, Virginia

We know from early records that a few settlers were on the Wappacoma, or the South Branch of

\*Adding "in" to the name in early German usually indicates the single status of a woman. I wonder if Anna Elisabeth's maiden name was Wagner.

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the Potomac, as early as 1735 and farther south - down near Old Field - a few years later. This area is now Hardy County, West Virginia.

To this area around Old Field came the Wilhelm Waggoner family sometime around 1754. Whether they were the original owners and cleared the land or obtained it second-hand from a settler who had partly cleared the land and had left because of Indian trouble or the urge to move further west is unknown. These were times of great trouble with the Indians along the Wappacoma.

No land record for Wilhelm Waggoner has been found in either Hampshire or Hardy Counties between 1750 and 1770. Perhaps they had a quit claim deed or never filed.

At about the time that Hampshire County was created in 1753 from Frederick County, Virginia, the area was a settlement for many. Considering all the people who were connected with the Waggoner family through marriage or friendship in the ensuing years, let us look at some of the people on the South Branch between 1750 and 1770.

The Bonnetts and the Sykes (Six)

Records show the Bonnett family came early to the Hampshire County area. The parents having died in Chester County, Pennsylvania, near Paole, the family of five migrated to the Virginia area. Samuel and Lewis brought their three sisters - Mary, Catherine and Susannah.

Perhaps Mary Bonnett (1735-1805) had already married John Wetzel (1733-1786) in Pennsylvania, as he was from Chester County, Pennsylvania. Their first child Martin was born in 1757 on the South Branch. Another son, Lewis Wetzel, was born in 1763 on Cedar Creek; and Jacob, still another, was born in 1766 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. I have no record where their two other children - Christina (b. 1759) and George (b. 1761) - were born; but, one would think their births occurred in the South Branch area.

Lewis Bonnett (1737-1808) was in the Greenbrier settlement when it was attacked in 1763. He was a young man and escaped stated his son, Maj. Lewis Bonnett Jr. (1778-1863) in his correspondence to Lyman C. Draper in 1849.

Lewis Bonnett married Anna Elizabeth Waggoner sometime after 1770 - perhaps in the home of her step-mother Mrs. Agnesa Waggoner Lutts at Romney, Virginia.

Sage and Jones records show in 1777, August 12 - Samuel Bonnett and wife Elizabeth sold 205 acres on Cedar Swamp, Hampshire County, Virginia. So, seven or eight of their children were born there. If Samuel Bonnett was married to Elizabeth in Pennsylvania before they came south to Virginia, I find no record. As Chester County, Pennsylvania, was an original county in 1682, and Lancaster County was created in 1729 from Chester, perhaps that is why some records state the Bonnetts and Wetzels were from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Catherine Bonnett (1730-1790) married John Conrad Sykes (Six) sometime around 1755 at an unknown place. Their first child Henry Sykes was born 12 February 1757 on the Shenandoah River. He later served in the Revolution. A will in Hampshire County, probated 14 August 1820, for George Six mentions wife Mary and five children - William, Philip, John Conrad and Elizabeth (Six) Johnson. If he was not John Conrad (Six) Sykes' brother, he was certainly related as his children have some of the same names.

Susannah Bonnett, probably the youngest of the Bonnett children, married Hezekiah Stewart, originally from Pennsylvania, then Shenandoah and later Dunkard Creek.

We know that John (Johannes) Lantz must have come south with the Waggoners as he signed the will of Conrad Lutts in 1770.

These are but a few of the names connected to the Waggoners and from the South Branch that will show up in West Virginia records.

The First Tragedy

Wilhelm Waggoner (1706 - Germany) and Agnesa, his second wife, with Mary, John Peter, Anna Elizabeth and Johannes must have arrived sometime around 1754 on the South Branch where they built a fort-like home for protection. This home is not to be confused with Fort Waggoner, later called Fort Buttermilk, which was commissioned by George Washington around 1756 and under the supervision of Captain Thomas Waggoner of the French and Indian War.

The first tragedy to the Waggoner family happened on the South Branch sometime between the years of 1758 and 1764 - no definite date has been established.

One day Wilhelm and daughter Mary and son Peter were working in the fields some distance from the fort when Indians came upon them and killed and scalped the old man and took the young woman Mary and the boy Peter captive. The party of Indians then split up with each group taking a captive and a different route because they knew the Whites would soon follow.

The search party gathered and followed the group of Indians who had Mary and several horses. Lewis Bonnett was one of the rescue party; another of the party was the young man who was engaged to be married to Mary Waggoner in a few days.

Early the next morning the rescue party came upon the Indians who had Mary setting around their fire. They killed one Indian and wounded the second one. One of the balls fired at the Indians unluckily hit Mary and she died the next day.

The boy Peter was carried to their towns on the lakes where he remained with them for some time; he later found his way down the lakes of Montreal with some Frenchmen, then made his way to Philadelphia, Penna., where he became an apprentice to the shoe and boot trade.

It would be natural for Peter to return to the Philadelphia and Germantown area where his family had landed in 1748; perhaps he remembered family or friends there of his father or mother.

Peter Waggoner did become a Cordwainer and had a shoe shop at 116 North Third Street, between Race and Vine, and was taxed there in the North Mulberry Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

Peter married and had nine children recorded in the census of 1790. The last tax record for Peter Waggoner, shoemaker, was in 1799; so, I suppose he died around 1800. Peter must have communicated with some of his family in Virginia because his sister Elizabeth Waggoner Bonnett's son referred to Peter in 1849 when interviewed by Draper.

1770 - The Lutts and the Waggoners

The remaining Waggoner family is next found in Romney, Virginia, in the verbal will of Conrad Lutts, 27 day of January 1770, at the court hearing. Lutts had died the 13th day of March 1770 at his home.

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Conrad Lutts, of Hampshire Parish, Hampshire County, Virginia, Bequeath to my wife Agnes Lutts during her natural life all my improved land in his Lordship's Manor that is enclosed in fence, and the same part, with the improvements to descend to my step-son, John Waggoner, after her decease, on condition he shall pay to my daughter Barbara Lutts the full sum of Eight pounds in rent money of Virginia, at the receiving possession of the said land and tenants.

Item - I give and bequeath to my said wife my best feather bed and bedclothes as her own, independent property.

Item - to my step-son John Waggoner - my two year old bay mare colt, on condition that he shall well and truly endeavor to promote his mother's interest and behave as becomes a dutiful and obedient son to her - otherwise she shall be at liberty to convert the same to her own property.

Item: all the rest of my personal estate and movables be appraised and divided equally between step-sons John Peter Waggoner and John Waggoner and my son-in-law John Green, and her daughters Elizabeth Waggoner and Barbara Waggoner, and my daughter Barbara Lutts. My wife having her full third of all my personal estate.

Item: all just debts to be paid in full.

Item: all the upper part of my said claim of land - I give to my son-in-law John Green.

In witness whereof we have here unto set our  
Hand and Seals This 27, day of Jan. 1770  
Andrew Young, Johannes Launtz and Philip Mason

It is not know whether the family knew the whereabouts of John Peter Waggoner in 1770 or whether he was mentioned by his step-father out of love. This will provides the fact that Agnes Waggoner, second wife and widow of the plain Wilhelm Waggoner, married Conrad Lutts. This was the second marriage for both as Conrad Lutts had two daughters, one married to John Green and the other Barbara Lutts was single. He mentions his step-children John and John Peter Waggoner and Barbara and Elizabeth Waggoner.

Moves further West

There are several confusing dates as to the arrival of the Bonnetts, Wetzels, Waggoners, Sykes, and others on Wheeling Creek. I believe the one to hold the strongest conviction is the date 1769 which was given by Lewis Bonnett Jr. to Lyman G. Draper as the arrival date of the Bonnett party. Some of the wives and some families remained on Dunkards Creek back in Monongalia County and were taken out later on.

Dr. Earl Core in THE MONONGALIA STORY gives this land record:

Robert Beatty, assignee of John Waggoner, is entitled to 400 acres of land in the county of Monongalia on Buffalo Run a branch of Cheat River to include his settlement made in 1774 (Preston Co.).

Hezekiah Stewart lived at Dunkard Creek, later at Puraby Creek, where he served out of Fort Jackson; so, Hezekiah and Susannah (Bonnett) Stewart came west with the Bonnett party. John Conrad and Catherine (Bonnett) Sykes stayed at Dunkard Creek along with some of the Waggoners.

Lewis Bonnett (1737-1808) made several trips from the South Branch to the Monongalia country - as early as 1755 and 1769 - and probably married Anna Elizabeth Waggoner around 1770 at the home of her step-mother Mrs. Agnes Lutts in Hampshire parish, Virginia. They were in the Wheeling Creek area before 1772 and, due to Indian troubles, Lewis Bonnett sold his possessions on Wheeling Creek and returned to the Dunkard Creek area. Later on, when times were better and somewhat safer, they returned to the Wheeling area where they raised their family of five children:

Elizabeth Bonnett, b. 13 Sept. 1773 and d. 11 Mar. 1873;  
m. John Lantz Jr.  
Barbara Bonnett, b. 1775; d. 1860; m. John Rodeffer (1773-1859)  
Lewis Bonnett Jr., b. 11 Mar. 1778 on Dunkard Creek;  
d. 10 Jan. 1863 at Marysville, Union County, Ohio;  
m. 27 June 1805 Jane McClain (1780-1839).  
Mary Bonnett m. Philip Rodeffer.  
John Bonnett b. 2 Aug. 1785 at Wheeling Creek; d. 2 Sept.  
1816; m. Eva Wolf (1789-1881).

Lewis Bonnett Jr. studied under William Darby who taught in Wheeling around 1800. Darby wrote under the pen-name of Mark Bancroft and described Lewis Bonnett as a short thick man - as brave as Julius Caesar.

Barbara Waggoner - John Lantz

John Lantz who married Barbara Waggoner as his second wife, could easily have been the sone of Johannes and Maria Margaretha (Benderin) Lantz, the couple who were married in 1752 at St. Michael's in Germantown and who were godparents to John Waggoner (1751-1840) in St. Michael's and the same Johannes Lantz who arrived on the same ship as the Wilhelm Waggoners in 1748.

The father Johannes Lantz, b. 1718 in Germany - the son John Lantz born about 1753 - would have been 20 years old when his first son was born.

Three children were born to John Lantz and his first wife:



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John Lantz Jr., b. 9 Aug. 1773 in the Shenandoah;  
Andrew Lantz received land in Ohio from his father's will; and  
Catherine Lantz who received \$20.00 from John Lantz's will  
in 1817 in Green County, Pennsylvania.

Did Johannes Launtz (Lantz) of 1718 or the son Johannes (John) Lantz sign as witness to the verbal will of Conrad Lutts in 1770?

I think John Lantz married his second wife Barbara Waggoner around 1780. Their first two children were baptised by Johann Wilhelm Weber, Pastor of the German Reformed Congregation in Westmoreland, Pennsylvania. Weber also had churches in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Anna Marie Lantz (Mary) b. 10 June 1782, bpt. 11 Spet. 1783.  
Parents - Johannes Lantz and Barbara. Sponsors - Ludwig  
Banet and Elizabetha (Lewis Bonnett and Elizabeth Waggoner  
Bonnett).

Ann Marie was named for her mother's sister Anna Elizabeth (Waggoner) Bonnett and Johannes Lantz's mother Maria Margaretha. In 1797 Mary m. Jonathan Stiles (1774-1860) and they moved to Ohio.

The second child Wilhelm Lantz was born 29 Oct. 1784, bpt.  
12 April 1785. Parents - Johannes Lantz and Barbara.  
Sponsors - Hienrich Six and Barbara (Barbara Selsar).  
(William was probably named for Barbara's father Wilhelm  
Waggoner.)

Also baptised 12 Apr. 1785, Johannes Six, b. 20 Jan. 1785. Parents - Hienrich Six and Barbara. Sponsors - Johannes Lantz and Barbara (Waggoner).

The third child John Georg (George) Lands (Lantz), b.  
15 Jan. 1787, bpt. 7 Dec. 1787 by Pastor Anton Luetge.  
Parents - Johannes Lands (Lantz) and Barbara. Sponsors -  
Parents.

Later in Pastor Luetge's records: Christina Six, b. 12 Dec. 1785, bpt. 9 Feb. 1788. Parents - Hienrich Six (Six or Sykes) and Barbara. Sponsor - Anna Margaretha Six.

The above records were from the translated German Church Records 1772-1791 by Paul Miller Ruff.  
Other children of John and Barbara (Waggoner) Lantz were:

Lewis Lantz, b. 1789; m. (1) Barbara \_\_\_\_\_,  
(2) Eleanor McCullough in 1854.  
Jacob Lantz, b. 1 Oct. 1791; d. 14 April 1858; m.  
Delilah Coen (1797-1866).  
Alexander Lantz, b. 1793, d. 1873, m. Margaret Minor.  
Samuel Lantz, b. 1797, d. 1809  
Elizabeth Lantz, b. 1800; d. 1884; m. George Cumberlandge.

Barbara (Waggoner) Lantz lived to be 80 years old and was blind in her later years.

John Waggoner and Margaret Bonnett

John (Johannes) Waggoner was 19 years old when his step-father Conrad Lutts died in 1770. He probably married Margaret Bonnett, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Bonnett, on the South Branch around 1776 or 1777, as her parents sold their land on Cedar Swamp and moved to the Monongalia country locating around Hacker's Creek. (Harrison County was not created until 1784.)

John and Margaret (Bonnett) Waggoner may have lived on the South Branch for awhile, but they were also on Dunkard Bottom, Cheat River area, as their first child Elizabeth was born Friday, 5th of Nov., 1779 (now Preston County); also their second daughter Mary was born Sunday, 9th of Dec. 1780. They probably lived in the settlement with the Bonnetts, Wetzels, Sykes and Lantzes.

John Waggoner, enlisted and served in several areas: drafted in Hampshire County and served under Cpt. John Harness, Maj. Carroll Van Meter, Col. Riedle, six months; returned home in 1778 probably to the South Branch area; then lived on Dunkard Bottom and served again under Cpt. Owens Davy, Col. Charles Martin, Cpt's John and Thomas Neal and others. In the fall of 1782 they moved to Jesse's Run (named for Jesse Hughes) on Hacker's Creek, among the Bonnetts, Wests, Hardmans, Hughes, Fleshers, McWhorters and others.

John built a house and cleared land in between duty as an Indian spy under Freeman and Col. William Lowther. He was on an eleven day scouting trip when his brother-in-law John Bonnett was killed by Indians in 1783. John Waggoner's father-in-law Samuel Bonnett was killed in 1789 by a falling tree. Elizabeth Bonnett, Margaret Waggoner's mother, married John Mack on the 19th of January 1790. Most of John Mack's family had been massacred on Hacker's Creek in 1789.

John Waggoner continued his scouting trips until May of 1792. Their family had grown to seven children: two girls, Elizabeth and Mary were born on Dunkard Bottom; and five boys ranging from 10 years to 2 years. We know only one of the boy's names - Peter was born 13 March 1787, a Tuesday on Jesse's Run. I have no doubt that one boy was named William after John's father, another Samuel after Margaret's father, and John after John Waggoner. Another name may have been Lewis after Lewis Bonnett (1737-1808) who married John's sister Anna Elizabeth as well as being an uncle of Margaret (Bonnett) Waggoner.

The Second Tragedy

The second tragedy to the Waggoner family took place Monday, 7th of May 1792, on Jesse's Run, Hacker's Creek, in Lewis County of what is now West Virginia - the massacre of Margaret (Bonnett) Waggoner, expecting her eighth child soon, and four of her small sons, by Tecumseh and two of his warriors.



The Waggoners of Hacker's Creek - cont.

First Tecumseh shot at John Waggoner who was working in a field near the house. John escaped to the Hardman house about half-a-mile away and there sought help. One small boy was killed and scalped in the front yard before the Indians made prisoners of Mrs. Waggoner and the other six children. The house was fired and the Indians departed with their captives. Another small boy was found killed and scalped about a mile from the house; a little ways farther on lay Mrs. Waggoner and two more small boys brutally murdered. The two girls and Peter were taken to the Indians' town on the Ohio.

Jesse Hughes gave the warning to West's Fort and a rescue party soon followed. Henry McWhorter was one of the party who helped to carry the dead to West's Fort where they were buried.

Some years before John Waggoner had lost his father, a sister and a brother in a similar attack; now he had lost his wife and children.

The eldest girl, Elizabeth Waggoner, aged twelve years, was sold into slavery to an Indian squaw at the Indian town of Maumee on the little Melani River, near Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She was treated cruelly.

Elizabeth and Sally Johnson, another captive girl, escaped to Detroit where they found a home with a Mr. Sisney. Sometime during 1795 he took Elizabeth to her uncle Lewis Bonnett in Wheeling, who returned her to her father John Waggoner.

Mary was returned to her father at the signing of the Treaty of Greenville on 3 August 1795. On 15 Apr. 1800 she married Jacob Wolf Jr. of Harrison County, Virginia. They had no children. Lewis County Records, Book I, page 14, had Mary Wolf (b. 9 Dec. 1780) d. 7 June 1871, age 90 years, 5 months, 28 days of old age. Parents - John and Peggy Waggoner; Husband - Jacob Wolf. Death reported by brother (half-brother) Henry Waggoner.

Elizabeth Waggoner, b. 5 Nov. 1779, d. 1 Feb. 1854, at the age of 74 years, married 21 Nov. 1798 to John Hardman in Harrison County, Virginia. John Hardman, b. 7 Oct. 1777 on the Big Yochaney, Pennsylvania, d. 9 May 1864. Death resulted from a bullet wound. He was buried at Mt. Gilead Cemetery, the son of Peter and Charlotte (Lazier) Hardman.

The Hardman Family

Peter Hardman (Hardtmann) the emigrant, b. 10 March 1745 in Germany; arrived Port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 20 Oct. 1764 on the ship Richard; son of Nicholas and Margaret Hardtmann, he d. 13 May 1827 at 81 years. He is buried in Old Harmony Cemetery on Berlin Road near Jane Lew, Lewis County, West Virginia.

Charlotte Lazier (Lazier) Hardman, b. ca 1748, d. Nov 1835, age 87 years, at their home on Jesse (Hughes) Run, buried at Old Harmony Cemetery.

Other children of Peter and Charlotte (Lazier) Hardman:

Elizabeth Hardman, b. 8 Oct 1774; d. 6 Jan 1861 in Warren County, Ohio; m. Caleb Smith/  
Peter Hardman, b. 23 July 1776; d. 30 July 1857 in Greene County,\* Ohio; m. (1) 31 Aug. 1797 Margaret Sleeth Hacker and (2) Sarah Adams Edge.  
Jacob Hardman, b. 1778; m. 20 Dec. 1808 Elizabeth Ann Coon.  
Henry Hardman, b. 1 May 1781; d. 1870; m. (1) 27 Sept 1805 Elizabeth Hacker (1784-1811) and (2) 14 Apr. 1815 Juliana Rinehart (1794-1880).  
Catharine Hardman (1787-1867) m. (1) 20 Mar. 1801 James Hyde Jr. and (2) 4 Nov 1814 Peter Waggoner (1787-1879).  
Daniel Hardman (1787-1837) m. 9 June 1806 Nancy Fowler and lived in Ohio

John Hardman (1777-1864) and Elizabeth Waggoner (1779-1854) had twelve sons and one daughter. The first and fourth sons died in infancy.

Jacob Wolf Hardman (1801-1874) m. Marion Rodman (1806-1874). Lived Kentucky.  
Henry D. Hardman (1803-1886) m. 30 Mar. 1826 Mary West (1807-1871).  
Samuel B. Hardman (1805-1891) m. (1) Margaret Bonnett and (2) Mr. M. F. Shurtoff in Illinois.  
Thomas Hardman (1807 - Marion County, Oh.) m. 30 Sept. 1831 to Rebecca Clark  
William Hardman (1809-1840) died Lexington, Kentucky  
Joshua W. Hardman (1811-1893) m. Susan Fultz (1816-1885)  
Elizabeth Hardman (1813-1855) m. 10 Oct. 1833 Jacob W. Hudson.  
Peter Jamison Hardman (1819-1891) m. Hannah C. Finley, lived Warsaw, Indiana. Named for Peter Waggoner and Rev. Jamison.  
John G. Hardman (1817-1897) m. 23 Dec. 1838 Malinda Forinash (1822-1884).  
Daniel Hardman b. 1822 and David Hardman b. 1826, both young boys died the same day and are buried on a hillside near the Georgetown schoolhouse in Lewis County, West Virginia.

Peter Waggoner

Peter Waggoner, b. 13 Mar. 1787, on Jesse's Run, d. 26 May 1879 at 93, lived with the Indians for 20 years, married an Indian woman and had two daughters. Around the end of the War of 1812, Peter Waggoner was seen and recognized by a Mr. Baker or Rooker and word was sent to John Waggoner.

#See Vol. I, Issue 3, pg. 19 for more information on the Smith family.  
\*Dates courtesy Eleanor Womer.

The Waggoners of Hacker's Creek - cont.

John Hardman, a son-in-law, accompanied John Waggoner when they visited Peter on Paint Creek, a tributary of the Scioto River in Ohio. John Hardman later said that Peter's two Indian daughters were pretty children. Peter would have been 26 years old when his father convinced him to come back to Hacker's Creek to visit. He never returned to his Indian family but remained with his white family and a totally different life.

14 Nov. 1814 Peter Waggoner married Catharine Hardman Hyde, a widow. She was born 26 February 1784, a daughter of Peter and Charlotte (Lazier) Hardman; she died 2 April 1867. Peter and Catharine lived down Hacker's Creek below Friendship cemetery and Fairview Church about four miles down old Berlin Road from Jane Lee. The rock foundation of their cabin house can still be seen in part amid five large cedar trees back up the run from Hacker's Creek.

Catharine Hardman Hyde, sister of Rev. John Hardman, had three children by James Hyde Jr: Isaac, John and Charlotte Hyde Bonnet, the wife of Jacob H. Bonnett. I have found no record that these children ever lived with Peter and Catharine after they were married. These children and a Daniel Hyde were mentioned in the estate settlement of James Hyde, Jr., 8 Oct. 1831 in Harrison County, W. Va.

Peter and Catharine Waggoner had two sons and possibly two daughters - Annie, found in the M.P. Church attendance records with Peter's and Catharine's names and Susanna b. ca 1824. I only mention the daughters as I have very little proof of them.

Peter's tombstone (the second) on his grave in Old Harmony Cemetery, erected by descendants and friends, reads:

"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright!  
For the end of that man is peace, Great loves live on."

William Waggoner, the first son of Peter and Catharine (Hardman) (Hyde) Waggoner, was b. 11 Mar. 1816, Hacker's Creek; d. after the 1900 census was taken, when he was living with his son Peter. William Waggoner m. 21 Oct. 1837 Nancy Ann Ball, daughter of James Ball. She was b. 8 Nov. 1818 and d. 19 June 1881 at the age of 62 years. Their children:

Rheulina L., b. 21 Dec. 1839, d. 19 Oct. 1914, m.  
23 Dec. 1861, Walter Stalnaker;  
Martin Green, b. 3 July 1842, d. 20 Aug. 1914, m.  
Sarah J. Ball;  
Virginia, b. 15 June 1846, d. 28 Oct. 1912, m. George  
Whitman Stalnaker;  
Cacey C., b. 6 Sept. 1848, m. 15 Oct. 1868, to Noah Hinehart;  
Fernando, b. 21 Aug. 1852; m. 26 Jan. 1871 to Barbara  
Westfall;  
Peter, b. 27 Aug. 1854, d. 22 June 1935, m. 29 Mar. 1885, Louisa  
Jane Wilson;  
Harriet L., b. 11 Mar 1861, m. 26 Nov. 1883, Millard Fillmore  
Pringle (1858-1945), d. 13 Oct. 1923.

Perry Green Waggoner, second son of Peter and Catharine, b. 15 June 1822; d. 15 Apr. 1861 - age 39 years; m. 27 Mar 1842 Susannah Cosner, b. 27 Apr. 1824, d. 7 Oct. 1910, age 86 years. Buried at Morrison Cemetery on Hacker's Creek. Their children:

Anderson Erwin, b. 4 July 1845, m. 8 Aug. 1867,  
Virginia L. Boram;  
George Columbus, b. 26 Aug. 1847; d. 28 July 1849;  
age 2 years;  
Laverna Catharine, b. 31 May 1850, d. 23 Aug. 1880, m.  
30 Nov. 1871 to John A. Sutton (1843-1920).  
Margaret Alcenda, b. 26 June 1853, d. 7 Dec. 1929, m.  
29 Nov. 1872 to Samuel C. Sutton (1848-1921);  
Elias Marion, b. 2 June 1856, d. 4 July 1945, m.  
16 April 1884 Margareta Christina Pohlmann who  
was b. 4 June 1864 in Germany and d. 13 Feb.  
1948. Lived Ellis County, Kansas.

This will be continued with John Waggoner and Susannah Richards, the ward of John Runyon, and their family in the next issue.

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Name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting	Cause
1858 - cont.						
Smith, Josiah	7/5	1m		Caleb & Mary J.	f	crisiplas (?)
Smith, Elizabeth	11/3	19	Harrison	Thomas & Rebecca Holbert	Louisa Smith	screfula
Watson, Mary	12/5	62	Albermarle Co.	Barnett	Wm. A. Watson, son	_____ of the head
1859						
Adams, Margaret	10/26	30	Harrison	Jacob & Sarah Wolf		
Bright, Mary	4/1	21	Pendleton	Zachariah & Sarah Brigg	E. Bright, h	
Boram, Mary	4/30	37	Lewis	Abram & Elizabeth Hinzman	Geo. W. Boram, h	
Cookman, Henry R.	9/25	3	Lewis	Samuel E. & Lydia Ann	f	
Downey, Mariah	1/5	4	Richie	Thomas & Ellen	m	
Faulkner, Margaret	9/8	43	Ireland	Michael & Margaret Crogan/Grogan	Thos. Faulkner, h	
Hinzman, Alvin Draper	8/17	10m	Lewis	John D. & Martha E.	m	
Hinzman, Ervin	4/10	1	Lewis	Abram & Ruanna	f	
Hep, Tamer	6/6	7	Lewis	Jacob & Sarah	f	
Life, Margaret	8/19	35	Lewis	Joseph & Susan Alkire	Noah Life, h	
Life, Samuel	8/30	24d	Lewis	Noah & Margaret Life	f	
Lough, S. D. V.	7/3	3	Lewis	Uriah & Salina	f	
Mercer, Sarah	3/9		Prince William Co., Md			
Norman, Sarah	2/26	80		Lewis & Sarah Kimel	Peter Mercer, h step-son	
Priest, Alvin M.	9/27	1	Lewis	John M. & Hannah	f	
Priest, Alvester ME	10/19	5	Rappahanock, Va.	Wm. N. & Sarah	f	
Stalnaker, Sarah	12/6	27	Lewis	Charles & Susan	f	
Stalnaker, Andrew	12/4	4m	Lewis	N.W.	f	
Summerville, John	2/20	5	Lewis	Henry & Elizabeth	f	
Simmons, Elias	11/12	57	Pendleton	Henry & Catherine	Ann Simmons, w	
Taylor, Harnet E.	10/15	1m	Lewis	T.T. & Harnet		
Haynes, Issac	10/26	1m	Lewis	David H. & Margaret	f	
Peterson, Charles W.	6/18	1	Lewis	H.M. & Mary J.	f	
Smith, James W.	2/18	5	Hampshire	Wm. B. & Jane	f	
Shoulders, Mary J.	11/20	20	Handolph	Willie & Ann M. Hevner J.M. Shoulders, h		
Watson, John	6/20	70	Fluvanna Co.	Azcheriah & Rebecca	Wm. A. Watson, s	
Lowe, Mary Blanche	9/7	1	Lewis	David & Sarah	m	
Johnston, Sarah Ann	10/?		Hardy	Wm. & Hannah Harris	A. Johnston, h	

*Lewis Co. Deaths - 1859*

## LEWIS COUNTY DEATHS -1860

Name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting	Cause
Denison, Hazel Lee	10/23		Harrison	Sylvester & Mary	f	
Louden, Harriet Ann	3/14	12	Lewis	George & Zena	f	
Anderson, Cassius	5/18	4m		John S. & Louisa D.	f	
Posey, Albert	3/14	13	Lewis	James & Barbary		
Wilkinson, Martha	5/16	42	Kent, Md.	Simpson	J.C. Wilkinson, h	
Finister, Paul	2/10	64	Germany		J.C. Finister, s	
Sprouse, Harvey	7/?	1m	Lewis	Wm. * Catherine	f	
Langford infant	11/29	29d	Lewis	Parks & Margaret	m	
Kester, Betsey	4/10	28	Harrison	Jepe & May Lowther	C. Kester, h	
<u>1860</u>						
Hall, Stephen A.	9/26	7	Jane Lew	S.W. & C.W.	f	
Hip, Cintath	5/21	1	Buckhannon Run	Sarah & Jacob	f	
Hall, Nancy	11/21	28	Freemans Cr.	Hezikiah & H. Tharp	f	
Knicely, Amanda J.	6/5	7	Hackers Cr.	Geo. & M.	f	
McGettigan, Breget	9/5	30d	Alum Fork	Michael & Mary	f	
Muper infant	3/5		West Fork River	Peter & E.	f	
Murray infant	2/6	25d	West Fork River	Wm. & Mary	f	
Post, Elizabeth	2/27	54	Harrison	John & -Elizabeth Huff	Jepe Post, h	
Starcher, Francis	5/25	52	Pendleton	John & Francis Kains	f	
Stephens, Margaret S.	12/30	7	Highland Co., Va.	James & Lucinda	f	
Stephens, Amos	12/24	5	Highland Co., Va.	James & Lucinda	f	
Schevront, William G.	11/11	11m		Rufus & M.	f	
Fahey, Mary Ann	3/18	3		Thomas & Eliza	f	
Houghton, Elizabeth M.	9/30	9	Braxton	James W. & Lucinda	m	
Houghton, Francis M.	9/20	5	Braxton	James W. & Lucinda	m	
Dawson, Hester L.	6/17	11d	Lewis	Calvin C. & Martha	m	
Imly, Mary	12/11	1	Lewis	Franklin & Penelope	f	
Clark, William	9/4	2	Lewis	N.S. & Lyerna	f	
Rexroad, Edward M.	10/9	7	Lewis	William & Mary J.	f	
Hardman, David	9/28	30	Lewis	Henry & Julian	m	
McNeamer, Phillip	12/13	80	Lewis	Phillip & Sally	Wm. McNeamer, s	
McNeamer, Phillip S.	10/16	17	Lewis	William & May Elizabeth	f	
Johns, Miriah	5/14	35	Rockinham Co, Va.	Obediah & Anna Crawford	H. Johns, h	
Wilfong, Mary	5/31	30	Pocahontas	Nicholas & Catherine Wilfong	Wm. Wilfong, h	
				William & Mary	f	
Wilfong, William A.	7/7	1m	Lewis	Samuel & Elizabeth	f	
Wilson, Mary	5/24	27	Lewis			

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Name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting	Cause
1860 - cont.						
Kittenhouse, Hannah	4/29	34	Nelson Co.	James & Polly Roberts	H.H. Rittenhouse, h	
Rittenhouse, Hannah	9/14	2m	Lewis	H.H. & Hannah	f	
Ansell, Mildred	4/15	41	Albermarle Co.	Nathaniel & Rosy Moon	T. Ansell, h	
Moneypermy, John W.	11/20	20	Lewis	Thomas & Rebecca	f	
Butcher, Henry L.	10/15	15	Lewis	Paulser & Margaret	f	
Taylor, Phillip	6/4	1	Lewis	William & Mary A.	f	
Easton, Henry	4/16	16	Albermarle	George & Martha	f	
Easton, John	10/16	9	Lewis	George & Martha	f	
Bond, Lydia	12/6	43	Lewis	Jacob & Sarah Davis	R. Bond, h	
Langford, Dora Olive	7/28	2m	Lewis	Anderson & Julian	P. Butcher, neighbor	
Hinzman, William	9/19	40	Lewis	Abram & Rebecca	Anna Hinzman, w	
Simon, Anthony Jr.	5/31	2	Lewis	Anthony & Martha	f	
Cosner, Jacob	10/25	21	Hardy	Henry & Susan	Abraham Cosner, b.	
Cosner, Sarah	8/26	29	Hardy	Henry & Susan	Abraham Cosner, b.	
1861						
Alexander, Vincent	8/6	63	Northumberland Co., Va.	Rody & Elizabeth	Mary Alexander, w	
Burbridge, Martha Jane	3/9	55	Allegheny Co., Md.	Fredrick & Ellen Fraley	James Burbridge, h	
Terney, Mary	4/24	9	Lewis	Patrick & Margaret	m	
Terney, Michael	5/1	6	Lewis	Patrick & Margaret	m	
Mitchell, Rebecca	10/31	10	Lewis	John & Susannah	Susannah Mitchell, sil	
Lawson, Mary B.	12/24	24	Lewis	William & Nancy	f	
Wyant, Parry	12/17	24	Lewis	Abram & Sarah	f	
Moffett, William L.C.		3	Lewis	A.F. & Lucinda	f	
Daugherty, Mary	10/7	49	Payette Co., Pa.		Henry Daugherty, h	
Krause, John	11/27	43	Germany	Andrew & Mary	Andrew Krause, b.	
Krouse, Anna	10/26	5m	Lewis		f	
McLaughlin, Mary	3/3	40	Ireland		John McLaughlin, h	
Connell, Thomas	7/21		Lewis	Martin & Ann	f	
Smith, Alice C.	3/3	3	Lewis	Leondas & Sarah	f	
Smith, Lizzie M.	3/4	1	Lewis	Leondas & Sarah	f	
McNeamer, Orphenus	7/12	5m	Lewis	John & Mary	f	
McLaughlin, John		14	Lewis	John & Mary	f	
Clark, Winifred S.	4/22	11	Lewis	R.H. & Susannah	f	
Shoulders infant	7/16	3d	Lewis	J. & Mary	f	
Summers, Adam	10/12	35	Lewis		Mary E. Summers, w	
Taylor, Elizabeth	9/8	69	Lewis		Marshall Taylor, s	

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1861-1862

Name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting	Cause
1861 - cont.						
Beall infant	1/5	1ld	Lewis	Benjamin & Mary	f	
Nenton, Emily	10/11	1	Lewis	George & Lydia	f	
Howdershall, Michael	10/22	79	Germany		Mary Howdershall, w	
Johns, Mary	8/25	54	Bath Co., Va.		Zachariah Johns, h	
Jenkins, Sarah E.	1/1	12d		John C. & Prudence	f	
McCally, Florence S.	6/30	3		J. & Nancy	f	Henry McCally, gf
Rittenhouse, Henry	4/29	9d		H. & Hannah	f	
Little infant	9/?	3d	Lewis	John & Margaret	f	
Downey, Ellen	8/15	1	Lewis	Thomas & Ellen	f	
Ralston, Lucy A.	3/29	1m	Lewis	Er & Permelia M.	f	
Michael Sarepta	8/20	6m	Lewis	Joseph & Almira	f	
Bosnoeth, Mary	10/16	100	Virginia		Daniel Hall, nephew	
Blagg, Charles H.	8/16		Lewis	Abraham S.	f	
Arnold, Ada	12/11		Lewis	John G. & J.	f	
McCray, James R.	12/25	21	Lewis	J. & Delia	m	
Blair, George	10/1	61	Lewis		Elizabeth Blair, w	
Malloy, Owen	3/6		Lewis		Briget Malloy, w	
Dennison, Sarah	1/7			Anderson Dennison	f	
Rexroad, John H.	11/6	6m	William &	William & Mary	f	
Rymer, Minerva	3/23	1	Braxton	William H. & Mary	f	
1862						
Anderson, Mary L.	3/31	4	Lewis	J.S. & Louisa	f	
Allman infant	d. 11/22/1862	21d	Lewis	G.W. & Va.		
Anderson, Hannah	2/3	20	Lewis	John	f	
Anderson, Rebecca	2/3	20	Lewis	John	f	
Bailey, Philander	10/31	17	Lewis	L.B. & Samantha	f	Shelton Bailey
Parker, Polly R.	2/?	4	Lewis	Wm. & Sarah A.	f	Isaac Bennett, friend
Barnet, Lucy A.	5/?	3m	Lewis	Pleasant & Elizabeth	f	
Dunnington, Flora K.	4/2		Lewis	Wm. L. & Mary	f	
Fitzpatrick infant	9/26		Lewis	Michael & Bridget	m	
Fitzpatrick infant	9/26		Lewis	Michael & Bridget	m	
Fletcher, Mary M.	10/28	1	Calhoun Co.	Charles L. & Nancy	f	
Fletcher, Reuben	2/17	5d	Lewis	Henry & Mary	f	
Ford, Mary E.	2/22	4	Lewis	H.G. & Margaret	f	
Finister, George A.	11/12	1	Lewis	Simon & Anna E.	f	
Finister, Anna	11/22	6	Lewis	Simon & Anna	m	

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WHENCE CAME JEAN JACQUES BONNET?

by  
Howard T. Bonnett

Jean Jacques Bonnet appears to be the immigrant ancestor of many, if not most, West Virginia Bonnet-t-e's. Anyone working on the genealogy of his descendants is interested also in his overseas origin. The name is French. The ultimate origin ought to be France.

In twelve years of working on this family line, numerous suggested locations in Europe have been noted as the place from which he came to America. Most references refer to areas, not precise locations. A few refer to the Bonnetts as "Dutch" which perhaps means "Pennsylvania Dutch", or really German. One of these, Ref. #9 below, was more specific and was discussed in the Dec 1973 issue of THE BONNET-T-E's & KIN to call attention to problems which cast doubt on its validity.

In 1981, a clue was found that Jean Jacques Bonnet came to America from Friedrichstal, Baden, Germany. Supporting evidence has come to light and this location appears to be valid. It is appropriate to gather into one document various references and also to present the new information.

1. Strassburger & Hinke, "Pennsylvania German Pioneers", page 765, Appendix I (List 30A).

Jean Jacques Bonnet (Bunnet) age 32; his wife, Anna Marie, age 32; Margaret, age 8; Susanna, age 4, dead; Christine, age 2, dead; and Johan Simon, age 9 months; landed 27 Aug 1733 at Philadelphia on the ship Elizabeth, out of Rotterdam, last from Dover, Edward Lee, Master.

This information is from a ship passenger list. The reference to two of the children as "dead" is puzzling; since later sources refer to them.

Tracy in "Notes from the Records of Old Monocacy", places Martin Wetzel in the Monocacy German settlement (established in 1731) as early as 1739; and Jacob Bonnett as early as 1742 when he had a land survey made (Maryland Hall of Records). Not having picked up references to the whereabouts of the Jean Jacques Bonnet family in the interval 1733-1742, our trip to the October 1-2, 1983 meeting of descendants of Hacker's Creek Pioneers was extended to Lancaster and Chester Counties (PA) and the state library at Harrisburg to search for land and/or church records in this time interval. The search was unsuccessful.

2. Edward Conrad Smith, "History of Lewis County (WV)", p 133

"The Bonnetts were Dutch .. and never wholly mastered the English language. Before the coming of the Chidesters and the Corathers, the (Skin Creek) settlement was overwhelmingly Dutch."

3. Gale Butcher, "Family History of the Butcher, Summers, Clark Families and their Inter-related Families .. (1967)

"Margaret Bonnett was the d/o Lewis Bonnett, who was an Indian Scout and soldier in the Revolution. Her people were among the earliest settlers in the Stone Coal Creek area. The Bonnetts were French emigrants to this country through Holland."

4. C. B. Allman, "Lewis Wetzel - Indian Fighter (1961) p 10

"Lewis Bonnett, Sr., was born at Paoli, Chester County PA., in 1737. His ancestors migrated from French Flanders and were of French extraction. They settled at Paoli where his parents both died within a few years of each other. Lewis Bonnett, Sr., had one brother, Samuel, who took charge of the family after the parents' death, and moved them to the Monongahela country. In the fall of that same year he was killed by the fall of a tree."

Allman contains inaccuracies, e.g., Samuel patented land in Harrison County in 1786; he died in 1789 (based on an estate inventory.)

Smile: It's curious that the period when traffic hardly moves is called the rush hour.

5. Ulysses G. Bonnett, Burnt House, WV, 26 Sept 1937, "Notes About the Bonnett Clan". (A manuscript found in the file of Argyl E. Bonnett, Weston, WV.)

"Between the years 1750-1775, four brothers came over from Scotland, the Bonnetts being Scotch-Irish. Three of their names were Samuel, John, and Jacob; the fourth I failed to get his name."

The source of this information is unknown. From what is known of the West Virginia Bonnett families, these men were born in the Hardy County area and are in the line of descent from Jean Jacques Bonnet.

6. Sam Hardman, "The People of the Vandalia Community" 1928.

"The Bonnetts were Dutch and their forebears were Hollanders, but the name is purely French. It is quite possible the Bonnetts were originally French, but because of religious wars that raged there for over a hundred years, many sought asylum in Holland, the first country in continental Europe to tolerate protestantism. The Bonnetts were protestants and from their first inception into the Hacker's Creek Colony took a leading part in religious worship."

7. Stapleton (1901), "Memorials of the Huguenots in America" page 96; 131.

"The Bonnett family belongs to the nobility of Lorraine and was of high standing during the Reformation Period. The name is often met in Huguenot literature. Being mostly protestants, they were greatly scattered during the persecutions, some going to England, Switzerland and the Palatinate. It was from Switzerland that the several branches to America came. One of the earliest of this name in Pennsylvania was Jean Jacques Bonnet and wife Marie, who arrived in 1733 with a considerable family."

p 131, "In the westernmost part of Pennsylvania, a considerable number of the early settlers were of Huguenot origin, many of whom, such as the Bonnetts ... were the descendants of emigrants already noticed in previous chapters."

8. Baird, 1966, "Huguenot Emigration to America", p 56-7.

"Twelve miles southeast of Niort, lies the village of Thorigne. It was the home of Daniel Bonnet, afterwards one of the settlers of New Rochelle, (NY)."

Continued from a footnote:

"The traditionary account preserved in the Bonnet family concerning their ancestor's escape from France is:

Daniel and his wife attempted to reach the coast, some 45 to 50 miles distant .... with their two small children, concealed in the panniers of a donkey, and covered with fresh vegetables. The mother having enjoined upon the children to keep perfect silence, no matter what might occur, they had scarcely commenced their journey when they were overtaken by a trooper, who demanded to know what the panniers contained. The mother replied, "Fresh vegetables for the market". As if doubting her words, the rough soldier rode up to the side of the donkey, and thrust his sword into the nearest pannier, exclaiming, as he rode by, "Bon voyage, mes amies!". The agony of the parents may be conceived until the soldier was well out of sight, when the pannier was immediately opened, and the child was found to have been wounded, the sword having pierced through the calf of the leg. Fortunately nothing more occurred to interrupt their journey to the coast. (History of the County of Westchester, N. Y., by the late Rev. Robert Bolton, Rev. Ed. Vol I, p 595-6). The fugitives succeeded in reaching Bristol, England. Daniel Bonnet ... and his wife, Jeanne Couturier, were members of the French church in Bristol, from 1690 to 1700. Their children, baptized in that church were, Pierre born 2 June 1693; Daniel born 29 Jan 1695; and Marie born 9 May 1697 (who md Jean Soulice). This Huguenot family removed to America in the winter of 1700."



Whence Came Jean Jacques Bonnet? Cont'd

This reference does not relate to Jean Jacques Bonnet; the story is not questioned. It is given here in order that the close similarity of the following reference may be seen readily.

9. Godcharles, "Encycl. Penna. Biography", 21:37-8.

"The Bonnett family were a French family of noble birth. They were Huguenots, which later necessitated their fleeing from France to Holland, upon the revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

(I) Louis Bonnett was born in 1630 and lived in the village of Throngue, in the province of Poinçon, France, now Deux Leon. He had a son, Daniel, of whom further. (Ida Belle Gaither, "The Ancestry of Jessie Gaither Fownes.")

(II) Daniel Bonnett, son of Louis Bonnett, was born in 1655. He and his wife had two children and made their escape from France during the persecution of Huguenots by the Catholics. Upon the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes they fled to the coast and found a temporary home, first in Holland and later to Switzerland. The story of their escape is interesting.

Daniel Bonnett, his wife and their two children, lived in the village of Throngue, France, in 1686. They were Huguenots & their children were deeply impressed of the glory of holding by their faith, if need be, of dying for it. The troops were sent into the village to convert the Huguenots to Catholicism at the sword's point. Daniel Bonnett and his wife then made the effort to reach the coast. They loaded the donkey as if for market and hid their children in the panniers, charging, "As we value our lives, do not speak."

Monsieur Bonnett, with a basket of vegetables, trudged on before and his wife drove the donkey. Just outside the village they met a trooper. He called in French: "Who goes there?" The father answered, "We are humble people taking to the market our vegetables." "Well, I will try if your carrots are tender." He plunged his sword into one of the panniers. Not a motion was made, not a sound was heard. "Wherever you go, Bon voyage, mes Amies." he shouted and galloped off. The wretched parents waited till the trooper was out of sight before they opened the slashed pannier. They found their five-year-old boy with his thigh slightly stabbed with the point of the sword. "Father, I did not speak", he said, then fainted from loss of blood. Without another adventure the Bonnetts escaped to Holland and thence to Switzerland. The blood of that little boy still runs in the veins of many good men and women in America. Daniel Bonnett and Jeanne Coliver, from the province Charente-Inferieure, France. They had two children, of whom one was Jean Jacques, of whom further.

(III) Jean Jacques Bonnett, son of Daniel and Jeanne (Coliver) Bonnett was the hero of his parents' escape in Switzerland. In 1733, Jean Jacques and his wife came from Switzerland to Pennsylvania, settling in Paoli, Chester County. He and Marie, and they had a son, John, of whom further.

(IV) John Bonnett, son of Jean Jacques and Marie Bonnett, was born in 1728. He lived on the Old Forbes Road, near where Captain Ankeny owned a large tract of land. He was a squire at Paoli and the first schoolhouse was called "Bonnett". His will is dated 30 Apr 1793, and is recorded in Bedford County, PA. He and (1) in 1751, Mary Bickley (Biolet); he and (2) Dorothy ..."

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The above citations suggest that the Bonnetts came from Holland (i.e., "Dutch" -- or Germany?), France via Holland, Switzerland, Scotland-Ireland, but it is to reference #9 that special attention is directed. The story of escape from France basically is identical to that told in reference #8, except that it is embellished. Note these points:

- a. The area on the west side of France named in reference #9, altho garbled, appears to be the same as that of reference #8. An escape to Holland from that area would have to be by sea. It seems logical that refugees would go to the more easily reached shores of England, as in fact, the Daniel Bonnet of reference #8 did.

The almost identical escape story, plus other factors arouse suspicion as to the validity of Reference #9.

- b. Daniel Bonnett, his wife and two children made their escape from France in 1686.

- c. One of the two children was Jean Jacques Bonnett.

- d. At the time of escape, Jean Jacques was 5 years of age, therefore born in 1681, and in 1733 would have been 52 years of age.

- e. From reference #1, we know that Jean Jacques Bonnet arrived in Philadelphia in 1733 at age 32, therefore born ca 1701.

CONCLUSION: The Jean Jacques Bonnett of Godcharles, reference #9, cannot be the Jean Jacques Bonnet who arrived in America in 1733.

- f. According to Godcharles, reference #9, the IV John Bonnett, s/o Jean Jacques and Marie Bonnett, was born in 1728.

- g. From reference #1, we know that Jean Jacques had one son, Johan Simon, listed in the ship passenger list, arrived in America in August 1733 at 9 months of age.

CONCLUSION: The John Bonnett born 1728 who and Mary Bickley is not the son of Jean Jacques and Marie Bonnett.

10. Don Yoder, Editor, "Rhineland Emigrants - Lists of German Settlers in Colonial America" (1981). page 89.

"Friedrichstal in Baden is a town founded in the year 1699 by the margrave of Baden-Durlach specifically for Huguenot refugees. The town history by Oskar Bornung, "Friedrichstal: Geschichte einer Hugenottengemeinde zur 250-Jahrfeier, (Karlsruhe: C. F. Müller. 1949) contains detailed information on most of the founding families... there came to America in the 18th Century ... (3) Jacques Bonnet, farmer and family, 1734, to the "New Land" .... Detailed information on several of these is available in the Strassburger-Hinke ship lists, which began in 1727. For example, Jacques (Jacob) Bonnet, spelled "Bonet" and "Bunnet" in the lists, appears in list 30 A-C, on the ship Elizabeth, arriving at Philadelphia on 27 Aug 1733. According to the Captain's list (A), Jacques Bonnet (Jacob Bunnet) was 32 years old, had a wife Mary age 32, and brought four children along: (1) Margaret (aged 8), (2) Susanna (aged 4, listed as dead on the voyage), (3) Christina (aged 2, also listed as dead), and (4) Johan Simon (aged 9 months)."

After trying to find a copy of the town history of Friedrichstal, Yoder was found to have two copies and was willing to sell one copy. Unfortunately, altho it did show Jakob Bonnet and family as having left for the "New Land" in 1734, little information on the Bonnet family is in the book, suggesting that the Bonnet family was not a founding family, was not a large or important family, or did not stay in Friedrichstal.

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Through fortuitous contacts, Dr. Theo Kiefner of Calw, Ger. was suggested as a source of information about Huguenots in the Karlsruhe area.

Another fortuitous event was a phone call in late Sept 1983 from Charles A. Bonnett, M. D., of Newport Beach, CA, who (1) said I had called him many years ago when the American Chem. Soc. had held a meeting in Los Angeles, (2) said that he and his wife were going to Europe for a medical meeting and would have two weeks to wander around, and (3) asked what was known about the European origin of Jean Jacques Bonnet. He was given the information about Friedrichstal and the name of Dr. Kiefner.

Whence Came Jean Jacques Bonnet? Concl'd

From Europe, he wrote as follows:

"As a direct result of our telephone conversation with you we had a very exciting and eventful trip thro Europe. After landing in Paris we drove to Karlsruhe where we purchased a map detailing the region and showing Friedrichstal, which is a very small town off the beaten road with one church, one cemetery and no Bonnets in the telephone directory. We were unable to locate the mayor or pastor on a late Monday afternoon nor was Dr. Kiefner listed in the phone book, so we drove to his residence.

What a breakthrough! We disturbed him at 7:15 PM and I think took him by surprise to think two Californians would be seeking his knowledge in this manner. He was very kind, cooperative and understanding and what's best speaks some English. After escorting us to his study, over the following hour he detailed the history of David Bonnet, the father of Jean Jacques. He has a very extensive list of many Bonnets.

Our discussion with Dr. Kiefner was very interesting in that Daniel(David) was noted in church records to be a protestant who fled religious persecution in southern France in an area known as Dauphine.

The following is Dr. Kiefner's account of Daniel Bonnet -

Daniel Bonnet (David), born 1658, died 4 Sept 1736; fled from Piemont, Italie (now southern France) in 1685/7. Married Christine Cousine, born 1662 and died 1732.

Mentioned to be living in Morlheim 1699, but subsequently settled in Friedrichstal & raised his family, who include

Jean Jacques, born 1702, md 19 Oct 1723 to Marie Desreux, her maiden name was Ancoien, and her father Abraham, was a church elder. They had four children:

Marguerite	born 25 May 1725
Susanna Magdalena	" 11 Jun 1729
Christine	" 29 Jun 1730
Johan Martin Simon	" 1 Apr 1733."

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The names and dates/ages supplied by Dr. Kiefner match very well those from the Strassburger and Hinkle list shown in reference #1 above.

The year 1983 has been a good one genealogically speaking - The overseas location of both my maternal line, Thompson in Ireland; and my paternal line, Bonnet, in the Rhineland, have been established!#

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#### THE JEAN JACQUES BONNET FAMILY RE - EARLY YEARS IN AMERICA

The article "Whence Came Jean Jacques Bonnet?" lists troublesome references as to his European origin. Two others about the early years in America are:

1) The Horn Papers: Early Westward Movement on the Monongahela and Upper Ohio, 1765-1795, by W. F. Horn; Greene County Historical Soc., 1945. (Copy at the Penna. State Library at Harrisburg.)

2) Notes from the Records of Old Monocacy, by Dr. Grace L. Tracy, Manuscript, 1958. (Found at Hagerstown (MD) Library, with index; Frederick County (MD) Library and at the Hall of Records, Annapolis.)

I was aware of the Horn Papers; the West Va. Hillbilly ran a serialized critique of them from 25 August to 3 Nov 1973; but the papers themselves were not seen until October 1983. Considerable time was spent copying items indexed under Bonnet-t, Waggoner and Wetzel. Horn gave a prodigious lot of historical and genealogical detail about the frontier region and its pioneer families. Unfortunately, it was fiction sprinkled with authentic material. (The Reference Librarian, as he handed the books to me, cautioned that the first two volumes were a hoax, but vol 3, consisting entirely of maps from official sources, were accurate.) (For the Committee re-

port on the validity of the Horn Papers, see the William and Mary Quarterly IV (1947), pages 443-4.)

Among the items indexed under Bonnett in the Horn Papers:

p 349; "Fort Bonnett was built by Jarome Bonnett and Samuel Huston in 1768. It was built on Dunkard Creek in Wayne township. Fort Wetzel was built at the mouth of Wetzel Run on Wheeling Creek in 1767 by John Wetzel and Abraham Bonnett."

p 741 "Wetzel's Inn ... on Wheeling Creek was opened by John Wetzel and Abraham Bonnett in 1769."

On p 100 of her manuscript, Tracy copied the above material but did not credit Horn as the source. The information probably is pure fiction; at least I know of no corroboration.

The Tracy work also presents a prodigious amount of material citing ca 1200 sources of which Mo's 500 to 1210 are to land and Will records found in the Hall of Records and in Frederick County, MD. The material noted below is found on pages 97 through 100:

"The Bonnetts came to this country about two years after the Wetzels had arrived. The ship Elizabeth (1733)(269) carried Jacob Bonnett, age 32, his wife, Mary (32) and children Margaret and Johann Simon. In the records of the Bonnett family (241) we find that Jacob twice married and had issue: Catharine who md John Six; Mary who md John Wetzel; Lewis, who md Elizabeth Waggoner; Elizabeth, who md Martin Wetzel, Jr.; and Margaret and John Simon. Most of the Bonnetts removed into Rockingham County, VA (now West Va) with the Wetzels."

"The records of the Bonnetts are found along with those of the Wetzels in the history of the Dunmore War among the Draper papers and the History of Wheeling, WV."

"According to family records (241) Martin Wetzel Jr md Elizabeth Bonnett, d/o Jacob and Anna Maria Bonnett, Nicholas Wetzel md Elizabeth Cromerston; John md Mary Bonnett, sister of Elizabeth; other Wetzel children were Catharine and Henry."

Sources cited:

241. From notes of Prof. J. Clarke Sanders of Keyser, WV.

269. Penna. German Pioneers, by Strassburger.

Tracy, relying on Sanders, is the only source I've seen for:

- 1) Jacob Bonnett was married twice and had issue.
- 2) Elizabeth was a d/o Jacob Bonnett.
- 3) Elizabeth Bonnett md Martin Wetzel, Jr.

I have no basis for questioning Tracy's statements, except for:

- a) What she copied from Horn. This material probably is fiction.
- b) The marriage of Elizabeth Bonnett to Martin Wetzel, Jr. The marriage of Elizabeth Bonnett to Nicholas Wetzel on 3 Apr 1749 is in the records at the Evangel. Luth. Church in Frederick, MD.

The points that (a) Elizabeth surely would have been at least 15 or 16 years of age at marriage in 1749; (b) her sister, Mary, who md John Wetzel, was born at Paoli in 1735; and (c) her brother, Lewis, who md Elizabeth Waggoner, was born at Paoli in 1737; would suggest that her mother, Anna Marie was pregnant on arrival in America.

What IS painfully obvious to me ---- I know too little of the history of the Jean Jacques Bonnet family, especially of its first 50 years in America.#

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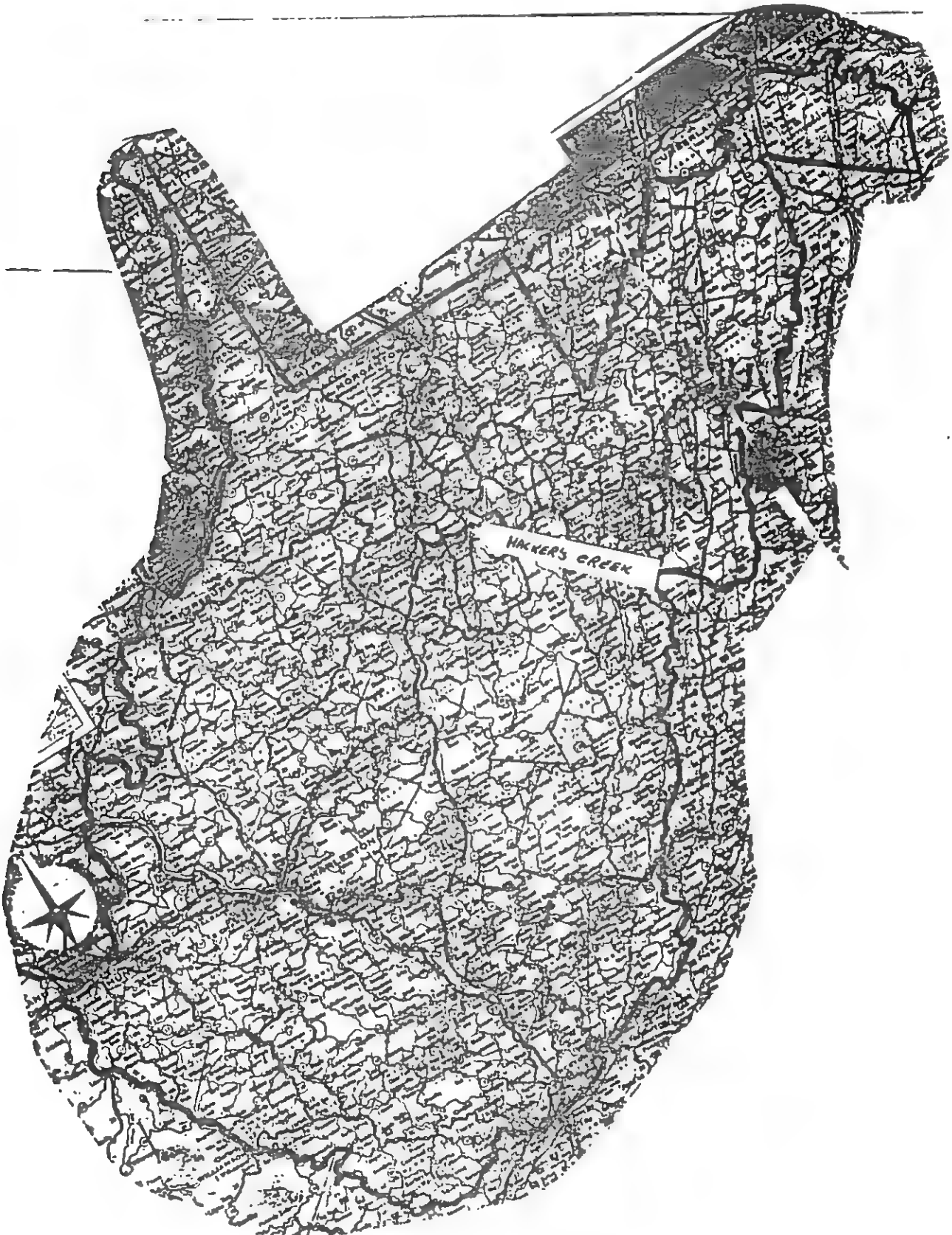
I've lived long enough that some things I've done are "coming back" to me. Recently, a man, whom I've never met, told me that because of my efforts on the genealogy of the Bonnet-t-e families, he and his father had become closer than they had ever been!

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# WHERE IS HACKER'S CREEK?

The mouth of Hacker's Creek is located not too far from Jane Lew in Lewis County - near the Harrison County line. It's headwaters are in Upshur County.





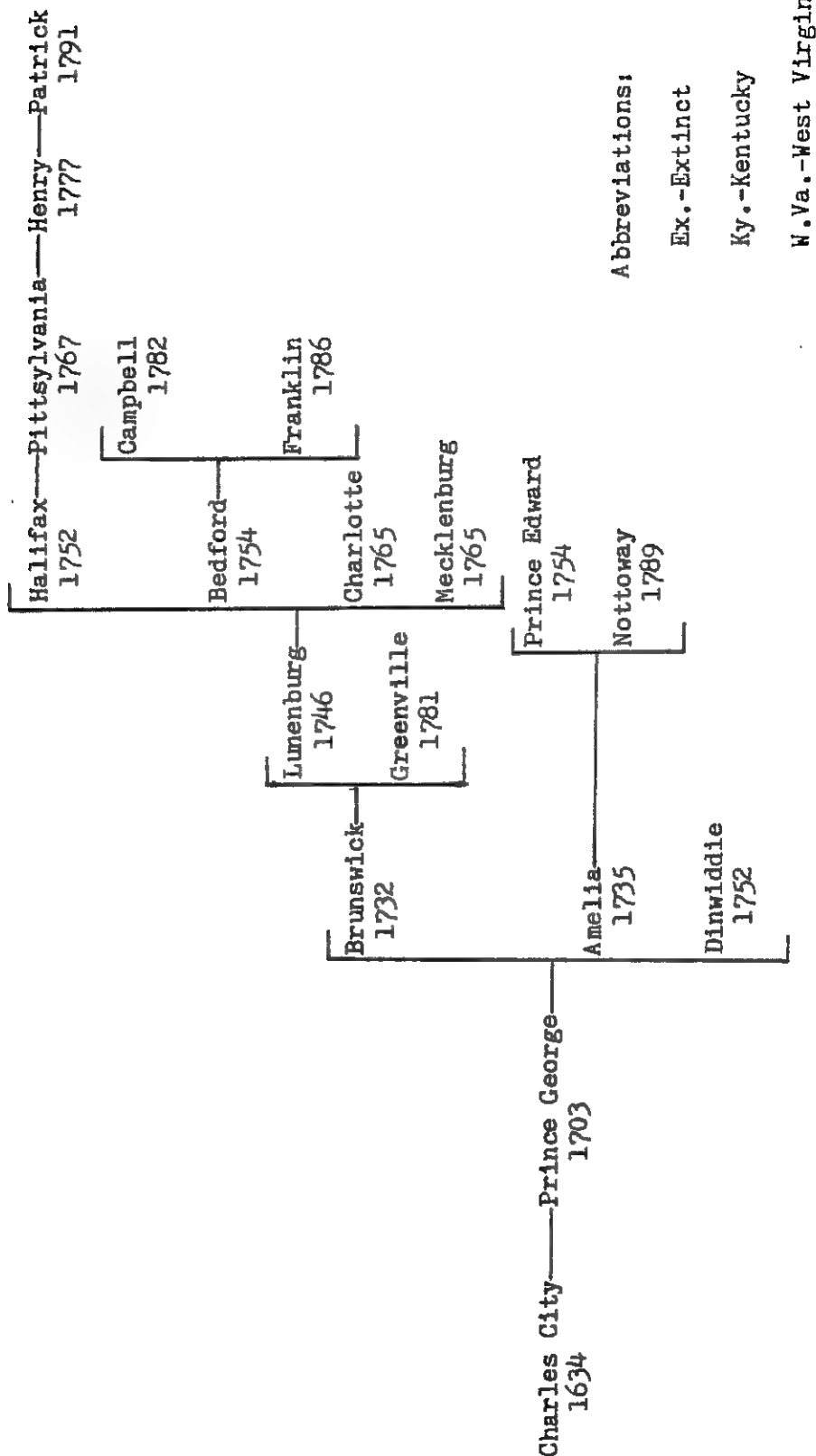
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CHARLOTTE..... 2	LUNENBURG..... 2	SPOTSYLVANIA..... 9
CHESTERFIELD..... 5	MCDOWELL (WV) .....11	STAFFORD..... 9
CLARKE..... 9	MADISON, 1786 (KY).....11	SURRY..... 6
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CHART 1

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CHART 2



Abbreviations:  
Ex.-Extinct  
Ky.-Kentucky  
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CHART 3

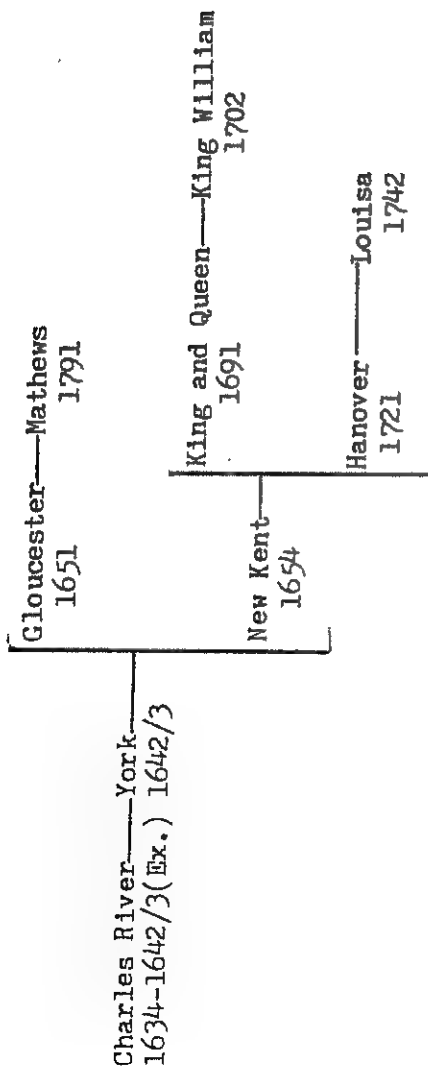


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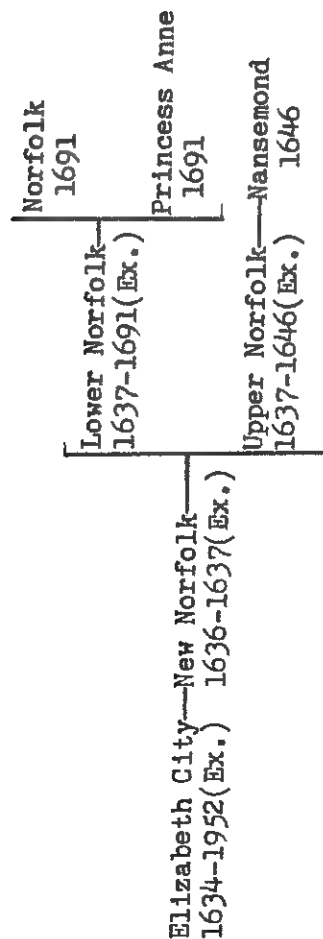


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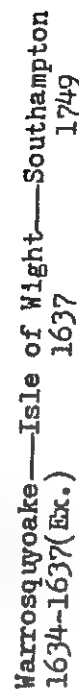


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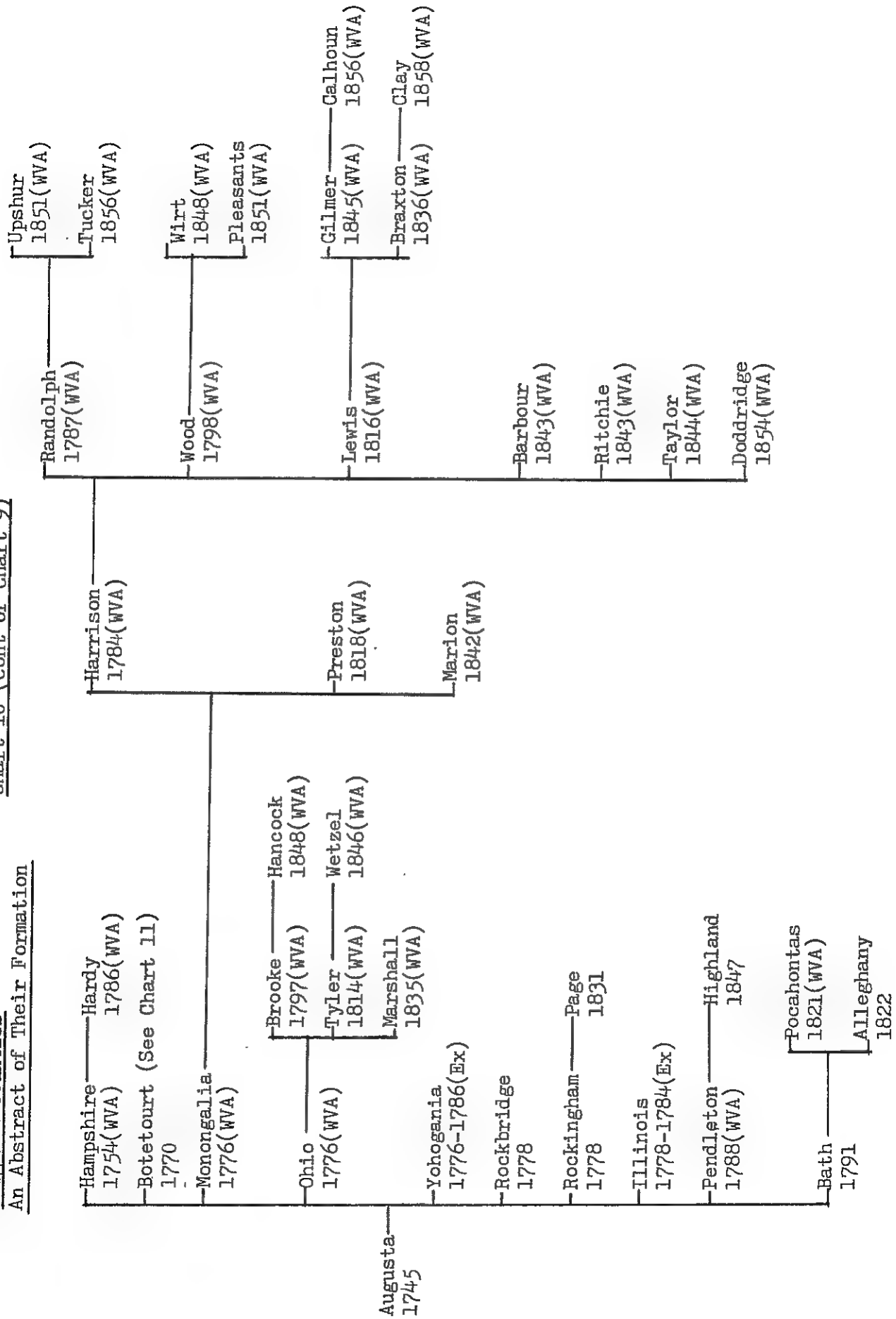


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Virginia Counties  
An Abstract of Their Formation

Chart 10 (cont of Chart 9)

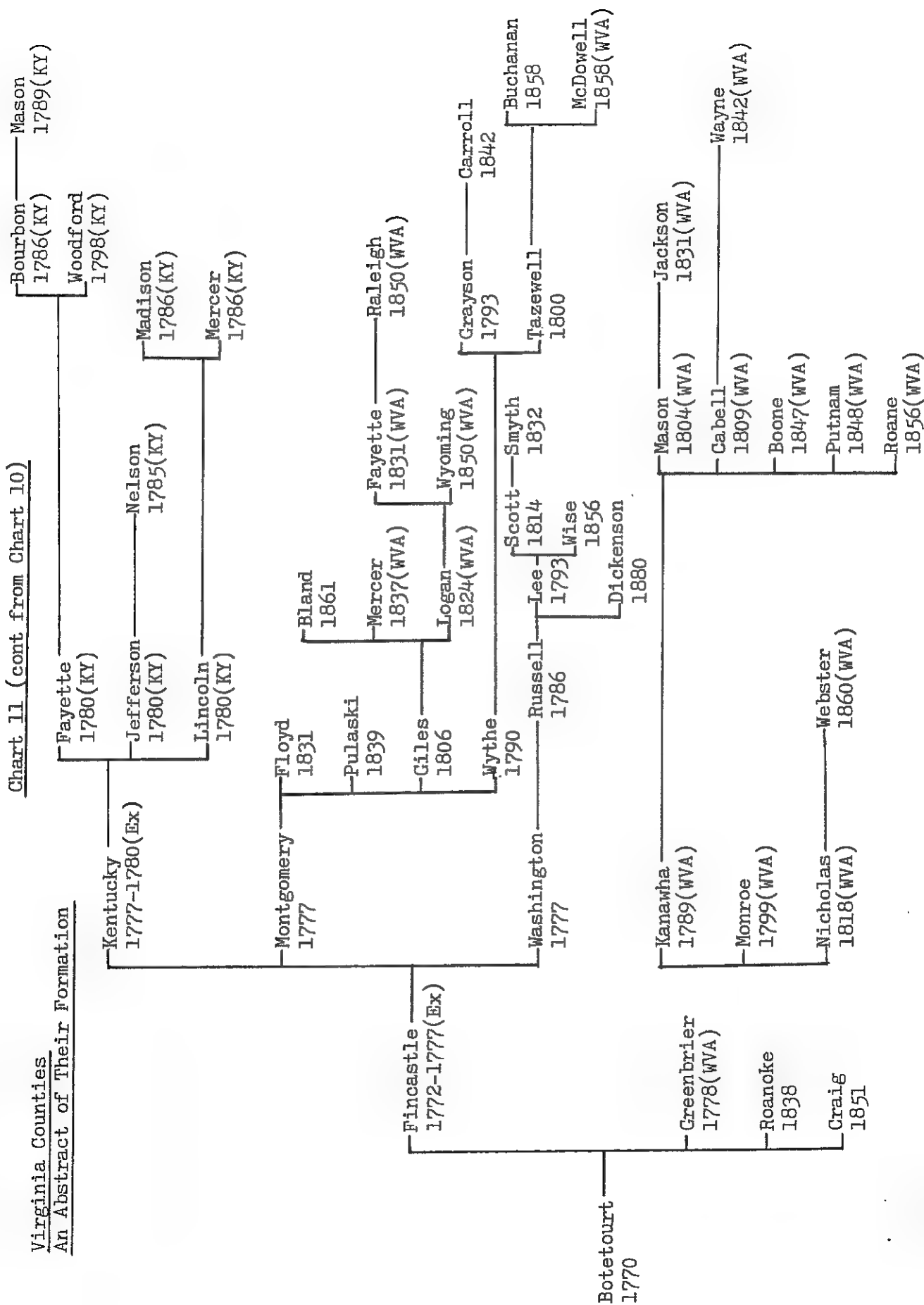


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Chart 11 (cont from Chart 10)



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### Friendship Cemetery

Located 3 miles up Hackers Creek from Jane Lew, Lewis County, W.Va. Established 1852 or earlier as public burial ground; extent 2 acres; no restrictions as to type and placing of markers; fenced; not land-scaped; condition good. Lots marked by corner stones; graves marked by monuments; lots for sale; no burial records kept; still in use as burial ground. Earliest stone dated 1852. Marked graves 239; unmarked graves unknown. Copied by Hartzel G. Strader from Latter Day Saints Church Genealogical Library film No. 250, 209. Filmed in Morgantown, W.Va. Inscriptions read 13 April 1937.

ALKIRE, Charles b. 3 Oct 1868, d. 11 Dec 1868  
ALKIRE, Elizabeth d. 12 Oct 1852 aged 55y4m  
ALKIRE, Florence b. 1871, d. 1929 w/o Nicholas Jr.  
ALKIRE, H.D. b. 24 Dec 1876, d. 7 Feb 1880 w/o John & Artemacy  
ALKIRE, John d. 29 May 1897 aged 72y  
ALKIRE, Joseph d. 25 May 1843 aged 19y11m25d s/o N.E.  
ALKIRE, Lee d. 1924  
ALKIRE, Mame no date  
ALKIRE, Mary E. b. 22 Oct 1835, d. 23 Dec 1909 w/o Nicholas  
ALKIRE, Nicholas b. 6 May 1828, d. 6 Apr 1902  
ALKIRE, Nicholas d. 12 Apr 1854 aged 62y7d  
ALKIRE, Nicholas J. b. 1861, d. ----  
ALKIRE, Nimrod b. 21 Sept 1855, d. 15 Sept 1866  
ALKIRE, Samuel b. 1914, d. 1935  
ALKIRE, Smantha Post d. 1927 w/o Washington  
ALKIRE, Thomas J. d. 1909  
ALKIRE, Thomas Jr. d. 1911  
ALKIRE, Washington d. 1883  
ALLMAN, Betty Ann d. 29 Sept 1930 aged 8y29d  
ALLMAN, Sgt. Darrel b. 22 July 1895, d. 3 Oct 1918 Vet WW 7th M.O.R.S.  
ALLMAN, Eber P. b. 21 Feb 1873, d. 20 June 1911  
ALLMAN, J.C. b. 1850, d. 1921  
ALLMAN, Ketturah b. 19 July 1829, d. 2 June 1911  
ALLMAN, Mary M. b. 1862 w/o Peter  
ALLMAN, Olive B. b. 1851 w/o J.C.  
ALLMAN, Peter E. d. 28 Dec 1934  
ALLMAN, Sarah Ann b. 28 Sept 1887, d. 1 Aug 1911 w/o D.T. aged 43y10m3d  
ALLMAN, Sarah E. d. 18 July 1878 aged 1y8m21d  
ALLMAN, Sophie E. d. 7 Dec 1927 aged 55y  
ALLMAN, Verdie M. b. 1872, d. 1911 w/o D.G.  
ALLMAN, Viola b. 18 Aug 1881, d. 18 Jan 1911  
ATKINS, Sylvia H. b. 1915, d. 1935  
BAILEY, Edward D. b. 1846, d. 1928  
BAILEY, Harriet V. b. 1851, d. 1918 w/o Edward D.  
BARAM, Annis R. b. 1846, d. 1920  
BARTLETT, John Q.A. b. 1825, d. 1898  
BATTEN, Rev. David b. 1847, d. 1897  
BATTEN, Kate b. 1856, d. 1925  
BATTEN, Sara b. 1852, d. 1926  
BATTEN, Thomas b. 1848, d. 1925  
BENNETT, Adelaide V. d. 1936 w/o Warrick  
BENNETT, Warrick S. d. 1936  
BOILEN, George E. b. 4 July 1865, d. 30 July 1914 aged 49y27d

Friendship Cemetery - cont.

BONNETT, Carr b. 10 July 1908, d. 13 July 1908 s/o D.H. & D.B.  
 BONNETT, D.H. b. 1867, d. 1931  
 BONNETT, Dora B. b. 1866, d. 1927 w/o D.H.  
 BONNETT, Maud b. 29 Jan 1888, d. 22 Feb 1902 w/o D.H. & D.B.  
 BORAM, Anna M. b. 1838, d. 1911  
 BORAM, John b. 1829, d. 1906  
 BOYLEN, Verlyn C. d. 17 Dec 1935 aged 21y4m  
 BRAHARD, Madorrea Clare d. 1934  
 BRAKE, Russel Dare b. 1911, d. 1918 s/o A.W. & IM  
 BUSH, A.B. no date  
 BUSH, Darlie no date w/o A.B.  
 BUTLER, mother b. 13 Jan 1873, d. 21 Nov 1921  
 CONNELL, Frederick D. b. 1919, d. 1921 s/o W.J. & Jessie  
 CONNELL, Robert E. b. 1917, d. 1918 s/o W.J. & Jessie  
 CONNOLLEY, Hunter b. 1900, d. 1935  
 COWMAN, Olive M. b. 1862, d. 1920  
 CRISLIP Kathleen Young d. 19 Mar 1919 aged 12y11m23d  
 DARNALL, Ross C. b. 22 Feb 1916, d. 26 Dec 1916  
 DORSEY, David b. 1904, d. 1928  
 EVANS, Elizabeth b. 22 Feb 1838, d. 11 Sept 1928 w/o Joseph  
 EVANS, Joseph b. 1834, d. 27 Aug 1918  
 FOSTER, Harriet A. b. 1855, d. 1928 w/o J.W.  
 FOSTER, John W. b. 1850, d. 1937  
 FOSTER, Rose Maud no date  
 FRANCIS, Marion Baram d. 12 May 1936 age 89y10m6d  
 GOCHENHOUR, Delbert b. 1918, d. 1931  
 GOCHENHOUR, Martha A. b. 1853, d. 1929 w/o William  
 GOCHENHOUR, Rachel b. 1875, d. 1917  
 GOCHENHOUR, William b. 1844, d. 1917  
 GOODWIN, Alonzo b. 1864, d. 1922  
 GOODWIN, Charles B. b. 1868, d. 1930  
 GOODWIN, Malinda A. b. 29 Aug 1839, d. 8 Feb 1914  
 GOODWIN, Nora b. 1868, d. 19--  
 GOODWIN, Omer S. b. 21 Mar 1864, d. 17 Dec 1912  
 GOODWIN, Samuel S. b. 26 Dec 1835, d. 13 Feb 1921  
 GORDEN, D. Jasper b. 1853, d. 1922  
 GORDEN, Edna E. b. 1856, d. 1913  
 GOULD, W.A. b. 1866, d. 1923  
 HACKER, Carrie M. b. 1893  
 HACKER, Lucretia b. 13 Dec 1837, d. 9 Sept 1907 w/o W.P. Hacker  
 HERSMAN, Clay b. 8 Sept 1883, d. 6 July 1912 w/o Mark & Olive  
 HERSMAN, Mark b. 1844, d. 1916  
 HERSMAN, Olive R. b. 1855, d. 1912 w/o Mark  
 HINZMAN, Alice B. b. 1856, d. 1908 w/o J.L.  
 HINZMAN, Avis Reger b. 1869, d. 1934  
 HINZMAN, Columbia A. b. 1857, d. 1900 w/o W.G.  
 HINZMAN, Morton b. 1888, d. 1916  
 HINZMAN, Perry G. b. 1830, d. 1907  
 HINZMAN, Sarah J. b. 1834, d. 1913 w/o Perry G.  
 HINZMAN, W.G. b. 1852, d. 1914  
 HINZMAN, Wade b. 1879, d. 1900 s/o W.G. & C.A.  
 HINZMAN, Dr. Woodrow b. 1878, d. 1920 s/o W.G. & C.A.  
 HOYE, Evans b. 7 Mar 1874, d. 20 Dec 1913

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KELLEY, Mildred b. 1912, d. 1913  
 KELLEY, S.D. b. 1879, d. 1935  
 KELLEY, Martha b. 1842  
 KELLEY, W.H. b. 1832, d. 1912  
 LAW, Annetta d. 18 Oct 1887 aged 1y1m12d  
 LAW, Barbary b. 6 May 1848  
 LAW, Brainerd b. 11 Apr 1881, d. 18 July 1899 s/o M.L. & E.F.  
 LAW, Clagett G. b. 13 Sept 1918, d. 18 Sept 1918 s/o C. & L.M.  
 LAW, Etta b. 1863, d. 1923  
 LAW, Guy b. 1860, d. 19--  
 LAW, infant d. 30 Nov 1889 s/o M.L. & E.F. aged 2d  
 LAW, Johnney d. 19 Oct 1884 aged 3m22d s/o T.A. & R.  
 LAW, Martin b. 1863, d. 1923  
 LAW, Rozaltha b. 1 Oct 1862, d. 30 Aug 1910 w/o Thomas A.  
 LAW, Thomas A. b. 1 Dec 1858, d. 2 Sept 1928  
 LAW, Will E. b. 1 Feb 1884, d. 26 Dec 1924  
 LAW, William O. b. 2 Mar 1835, d. 5 Feb 1904  
 LAWRENCE, James C. b. 1881, d. 1926  
 LAWRENCE, James Eugene b. 1 Sept 1915, d. 13 Aug 1918 s/o T.C. & S.A.  
 LAWMAN, Ella Lou d. 24 Jan 1904 d/o Grant & Elva  
 LAWMAN, Bertha b. 1883, d. 1935  
 LAWMAN, Dana B. b. 1912, d. 1915  
 LAWMAN, Elizabeth b. 7 Nov 1836, d. 2 June 1913  
 LAWMAN, George b. 23 Feb 1822, d. 13 Feb 1911  
 LAWMAN, Harrison b. 1833, d. 1920  
 LAWMAN, Haywood b. 3 Oct 1898, d. 3 Mar 1913 s/o W.T. & F.L.  
 LAWMAN, Mary C. d. 1865  
 LAWMAN, Mary L. b. 1840, d. 1933  
 LAWMAN, Theophilia B. b. 1863, d. 1921  
 LEWIS, Caroline Y. b. 1843, d. 1924 w/o Davis  
 LEWIS, Claiborne b. 1886, d. 1905 s/o Davis & Caroline  
 LEWIS, Grace b. 1898, d. 1921  
 LUNSFORD, Bertie b. 13 Nov 1900, d. 20 Aug 1924  
 LUNSFORD, Harry E. b. 1905, d. 1930  
 LUZADER, Noah d. 3 June 1921 aged 32y11m19d  
 MARPLE, Ivron Haynes b. 13 Jan 1919, d. 24 May 1920 s/o Vincent & Mary  
 MAXON, Clarence b. 1881, d. 1934  
 MAXON, J.K.P. b. 1844, d. 1925  
 MAXON, Sara F. b. 1850  
 McDANIEL, Mabel Lowman b. 1907, d. 1929  
 McDONALD, Elizer A. b. 1830, d. 1910  
 McKINLEY, Elizabeth b. 1917, d. 1920  
 McKINLEY, F. Belle no date  
 McKINLEY, Kathleen b. 1915, d. 1916  
 McKINLEY, Pauline b. 1908, d. 1910 d/o A. & E. B.  
 MOWHORTER, Ardella b. 6 Oct 1862, d. 27 Dec 1893 w/o L.V.  
 MOWHORTER, Bruce b. 5 Sept 1857, d. 17 May 1899  
 MOORE, Lloyd L. b. 1865, d. 1928  
 MOORE, Minnie no date w/o Lloyd L.  
 MORRISON, Albert N. b. 1850, d. 1934  
 MORRISON, David b. 1847, d. 1917  
 MORRISON, Harry V. b. 1895, d. 1896  
 MORRISON, Hattie C. d. 29 Dec 1935 aged 72y1m5d  
 MORRISON, M.K. b. 1888, d. 1918  
 MORRISON, Margaret b. 1 Dec 1857, d. 4 Apr 1928

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 NORA LAWMAN



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MORRISON, Marshall B. 22 Aug 1852, d. 15 Feb 1933  
MORRISON, Mary Hinzman b. 1857, d. 193- w/o Albert  
MORRISON, Mary Rhodes b. 1895, d. 1927  
MORRISON, Rachel b. 1847, d. 1922  
MORRISON, Rev. W.W. b. 1860, d. 1919  
MORRISON, William Bascomb b. 1848, d. 1927  
NORMAN, Susannah b. 1851, d. 1912  
POST, Cyrena C. b. 13 May 1847, d. 11 Apr 1908  
POST, Dale b. 22 Nov 1877, d. 25 July 1905  
POST, Eber b. 19 May 1846, d. 10 Mar. 1918  
POST, Elizabeth b. 1839, d. 1921  
POST, Georgia b. 1873, d. 1926  
POST, Harold E. b. 1894, d. 1923  
POST, Ora Dell b. 6 Oct 1883, d. 12 Dec 1911  
PRINGLE, Earl b. 1888, d. 1935 VIOLET PRINGLE WILLIAMS NORRIS  
PRINGLE, Etta b. 1889, d. 1929 mother of Armin Paul Williams  
PROBST, Iona b. 15 July 1896, d. 27 Oct 1897 d/o B.P. & Vadie  
PROBST, Mabel b. 4 Nov 1899, d. 25 Mar. 1907 d/o B.P. & Vadie  
PROBST, Leah b. 25 Apr 1904, d. 7 June 1906 s/o B.P. & Vadie  
QUEEN, Richard Darrell b. 13 Feb 1920, d. 31 Mar. 1920 s/o Isaac Floy  
REGER, Harold E. b. 5 Jan 1903, d. 22 June 1933  
REGER, Isaac b. 2 Jan 1852, d. 7 Mar. 1933  
REGER, Mayme Jones b. 1888, d. 1917 w/o Earl  
REGER, William b. 1842, d. 1914 RINEHART, ANDREW  
RHODES, W.E. b. 1863, d. 1917 RINEHART, IDA (LAWMAN)  
ROMINE, Henry b. 1860, d. 1930  
RUTHERFORD, Ocie D. d. 21 Oct 1907 aged 38y10m1d  
SMITH, Johnnie M. d. 2 Mar. 1891 s/o William & L.D. aged 19y4m3d  
SMITH, Myrtle L. b. 1870, d. 1930  
SMITH, Virginia b. 1905, d. 1921 d/o P.L. & L.A.  
SMITH, W.H. b. 1874, d. 1932  
STARCHER, Dora Ethel b. 1892, d. 1936  
STARCHER, Lucinda Rose b. 1910, d. 1933  
STALNAKER, Martha J. b. 25 Dec 1839, d. 30 Sept 1914 w/o Mortimer  
STALNAKER, Melvina b. 1854, d. 1906  
STALNAKER, Mortimer W. b. 1 May 1831, d. 5 Mar. 1905  
STARCHER, Rebecca b. 1848, d. 1935  
STARCHER, Rebecca Bill b. 12 Mar 1907, d. 16 Mar 1907  
STARCHER, William I. d. 1934  
STARCHER, William D. b. 1846, d. 1920  
STERN, Amanda b. 1 May 1855, d. 3 Oct 1933  
STRALEY, Asa K. b. 1829, d. 1907  
STRALEY, Elizer b. 1831, d. 1907 w/o Asa  
STRALEY, Evelyn Nadine b. 15 Mar. 1922, d. 28 Mar 1922 d/o H.V. & L.M.  
STRALEY, infant d. 24 Mar 1925 d/o H.V. & L.M.  
STRALEY, J.C. b. 1862, d. 1900  
STRALEY, Scott b. 1877, d. 1925  
SUTTON, John A. b. 1843, d. 1920  
SUTTON, Luverna b. 1850, d. 1888  
SUTTON, Margaret b. 26 June 1852, d. 7 Dec 1929  
SUTTON, Samuel G. b. 29 June 1848, d. 12 June 1921  
SWISHER, Ada G. d. 7 June 1935 aged 59y2m12d  
SWISHER, Ambrose, b. 1872 w/o Ira E.  
SWISHER, Brett H. b. 20 Jan 1886, d. 18 Apr 1888 s/o Edwin

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SWISHER, Carl b. 10 July 1871, d. 15 Apr 1875 s/o Edwin  
 SWISHER, Catherine b. 1912, d. 1921  
 SWISHER, Columbia b. 1849, d. 19-- w/o Edwin  
 SWISHER, David b. 6 July 1840, d. 27 Jan 1918  
 SWISHER, Edwin b. 1838, d. 1923  
 SWISHER, George b. 23 Sept 1890, d. 3 Feb 1891 s/o Ed. & C.P.  
 SWISHER, Gertie b. 14 Aug 1871, d. 29 Mar 1911  
 SWISHER, infant d. 22 Jan 1873 c/o Edwin  
 SWISHER, Ira E. b. 1867, d. 1906  
 SWISHER, J. L. b. 23 July 1832, d. 7 Mar 1908  
 SWISHER, James E. b. 6 Nov 1864, d. 29 June 1922  
 SWISHER, Martha C. b. 13 Sept 1846, d. 6 Sept 1929  
 SWISHER, Mary b. 17 Aug 1835, d. 15 Feb 1908 w/o J. L.  
 SWISHER, Mary b. 10 Dec 1860, d. 26 Apr 1920  
 SWISHER, Maude b. 1864, d. 1908 w/o A.W.  
 SWISHER, Mickie Jr. d. 14 Oct 1906 aged 9y9m9d  
 SWISHER, Olive M. b. 1859 w/o W.O.  
 SWISHER, Samira b. 6 Feb 1843, d. 7 Apr 1919  
 SWISHER, Sara A. d. 15 May 1873  
 SWISHER, Thomas E. b. 7 July 1842, d. 24 Jan 1920  
 SWISHER, William H. b. 1860, d. 1932  
 SWISHER, William O. b. 1857  
 TAYLOR, C.W. b. 1860, d. 1933  
 TAYLOR, Francis b. 1836, d. 1922  
 TAYLOR, Iza F. b. 1870, d. 4 July 1917  
 TAYLOR, Ralph S. d. 22 Apr 1918  
 TAYLOR, Thelma b. 31 Oct 1901, d. 29 Aug 1910 d/o P.C. & E.M.  
 WAGGONER, Alonzo b. 1867, d. 1912  
 WAGGONER, Charles S. b. 1840, d. 1917  
 WAGGONER, Eliza b. 1844, d. 1926 w/o C.S.  
 WAGGONER, Emma b. 1873 w/o Alonzo  
 WAGGONER, Prudy b. 1839, d. 1919  
 WAGGONER, Rollie b. 6 Feb 1903, d. 12 Aug 1904 s/o H.W. & L.B.

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METHUSELAH

Methuselah ate what he found on his plate  
 And never, as people do now,  
 Did he note the amount of the calorie count;  
 He ate it because it was chow.

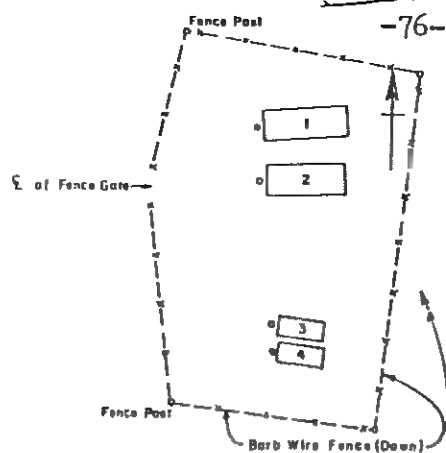
He wasn't disturbed as at dinner he sat,  
 Devouring a roast or a pie  
 To think it was lacking in granular fat  
 Or a couple of vitamins shy.

He cheerfully chewed each species of food,  
 Unmidful of troubles or fears,  
 Lest his health might be hurt  
 By some fancy dessert,  
 and he lived over 900 years.

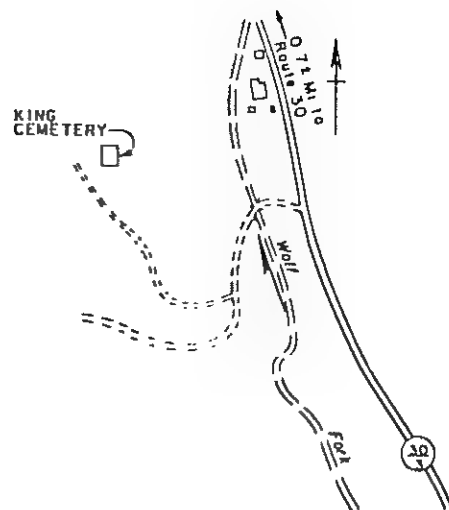
- Anonymous reporter to editor

Submitted by Hartzel Strader, who found it in "The Family Tree", newsletter of the Montgomery County, Ohio, Genealogical Society (OGS). October 1981.  
 Too bad some of us didn't have an ancestor to live this long. If only John Hacker were still alive . . . . .

NAME
Mary Alice King
George A. Ian King
Infant Harris
Jennie Mae Harris



LAYOUT PLAN  
SCALE: 1"=10'



SITE MAP  
SCALE: 1"=200'

## NO. 12 EXISTING KING CEMETERY



Hub "A"

8" Walnut

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\* Headstone broken and laying beside Grave No. 3

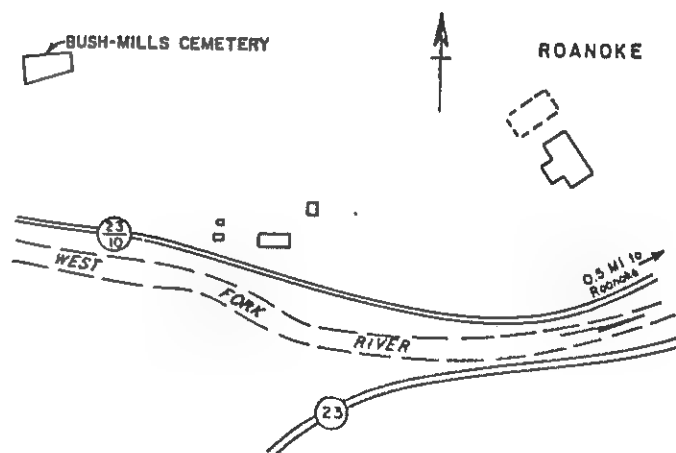
GRAVE NO.	NAME
1	Unknown
2	Locanza Duwell
3	Margaret Bush
4	
5	

3

BUSH-MILLS CEMETERY

ROANOKE

LAYOUT PLAN  
SCALE: 1"=10'



SITE MAP  
SCALE: 1"=200'

## NO. 15 EXISTING BUSH-MILLS CEMETERY

\*Note: While moving this one, they came across thirty (30) other graves that no one seems to know anything about.

These maps were obtained by Roberta Hefner from the Corps of Engineers. These cemeteries are being/have been moved in preparation of the building of the new dam.

THE ORIGINAL BETHAL CHURCH AND CEMETERY

Although the present day Bethal Church is located at the bridge in Good Hope - with a cemetery across the road - the original church which was founded on or before 1786 was located about 5 miles north of Good Hope on Route 19. That church was built in 1802 by the Methodist Society. The cemetery at this original site was read 10 April 1983 by Robert and Larry Smith.

LYNCH, Christianna, d. Oct. 9, 1850, ae 75 yrs, 27 dys, w/o Isaac  
A stone with no markings  
MORRISON, Nancy, d. 1840, ae 16 d., further details not legible  
MORRISON, Sara Elizabeth, b. May 25, 1827, d. Aug. 9, 1840, ae 13 yrs, 3ms, 16 dys, d/o A. & S.  
A stone-no markings  
A stone-no markings  
LYNCH, Peter, b. July 1, 1810, d. Sept. 30, 1831, ae 21 yrs, 2ms, 29 dys  
McKINLEY, Elizabeth, d. Oct. 23, 1852, ae 43 yrs, w/o Uriah  
McKINLEY, Jonathan U., d/ Feb. 17, 1872, ae 22 yrs, s/o Uriah and Elizabeth  
WASHBURN, Sarah, b. Dec. 31, 1814, d. Feb. 20, 1898  
WASHBURN, Alfred, b. April 21, 1815, d. April 13, 1856  
WASHBURN, Lydia A., b. Apr. 15, 1853, d. Jan. 2, 1893  
A stone not legible.  
A stone not legible  
STOUT, Abner, d. July 8, 1879, ae 76 yrs, 6ms, 7 dys  
STOUT, Margaret, d. Nov. ???, 1841  
STOUT, Job, d. Aug. ??, 1835  
LADWIG, Ida, d. Sept 18, 1867, ae 8 yrs, 7ms, 21day, d/o H. & M.  
LADWIG, Louise, b. Dec. 1, 1856, d. Dec. 15, 1856, d/o H. & Mry.  
HTNKLE, Leonard, d. July 11, 1839, ae 51 yrs, 7ms, 19 dys.  
McCONKEY, Mary, b. Feb. 9, 1811, d. June 26, 1880, ae 69 yrs, 4ms 17 dys.  
McCONKEY, Jesse, d. Mar. 17, 1877, ae 71 yrs 6ms 9 dys  
McCONKEY, Jacob, b. Sept. 18, 1838, d. Feb. 7, 1918  
McCONKEY, Mary J., b. Aug. 22, 1839, d. Sept. 27, 1903, ae 64 yrs, 1 m, 5 dys, w/o Jacob  
QUEEN, Martha A., b. Feb. 18, 1866, d. Sept. 24, 1891, ae 25 yrs, 7m, 6 d.  
McCONKEY, Cora E., b. Jan. 7, 1872, d. Dec. 29, 1896, ae 24yrs 11m, 22 dys., d/o J. & M.  
WASHBURN, Claudius, d. Nov. 23, 1873, ae 5ms 28 dys, s/o L. & S.  
SMITH, Sarah, d. Nov. 7, 1853, ae 61 yrs, w/o Chrisylian M.  
RECTOR, Elizabeth, b. Apr. 15, 1802, d. Apr. 15, 1888, ae 86 yrs, d/o Thomas & Sarah  
McKINLEY, Thomas (Old Stone not legible)  
RAMAGE, Infant (Old Stone), I/o W. & B.  
McKINLEY, Thomas, b. May 6, 1769, d. June 2, 1836  
McKINLEY, Sarah, d. Feb. 9, 1854, ae 79 yrs 8 ms  
Stone - very old - not legible  
Stone - very old - not legible  
JACKSON, Elizabeth B., d. July 9, 1841, ae 34 yrs 2ms 21 dys, consort of Robert  
POST, Sarah, d. Dec. 6, 1870, ae 56 yrs, w/o George  
POST, Sarah A., d. Apr. 28, 1835, ae 27 yrs, 21 dys, w/o George  
POST, Nancy J., d. Aug. 9, 1851, ae 11 yrs 5ms 9 dys, d/o G. & S.  
POST, Elender, d. Nov. 25, 1860, in her 21st year, d/o G. & S.  
WARD, Martin S., b. 1845, d. 1933  
WARD, Henrietta, b. 1850, d. 1914, w/o Martin S.  
WARD, Francis, d. 1928  
CRISLIP, Lavenia E., b. Oct. 18, 1886, d. June 21, 1887, ae 8 ms 3 dys, d/o T.B. & M.A.  
McMILLAN, Lavinia (Ramage), b. 1847, d. 1937, w/o James Dallas  
McMILLAN, James Dallas, b. 1845, d. 1900  
MORRIS, Ann, d. July 12, 1837, ae 62 yrs, w/o John G.  
BARNET, Abi, d. Sept 1, 1846, ae 30 yrs, w/o Smith Barnet  
POST, Mary, d. Sept 15, 1869, ae 59 yrs, w/o Jacob  
POST, Jacob, d. Oct 21, 1871, ae 70 yrs 10 ms 21 dys  
POST, Elizabeth A., d. Oct 22, 1854, ae 11 yrs 8ms 2 dys, d/o Jacob & Mary  
POST, Infant Son, d. 1840, s/o J. & Mary  
POST, Infant Son, d. 1838, s/o J. & Mary  
POST, Isaac, d. July 22, 1822, ae 10 yrs 7ms 4 dys  
POST, George, d. July 16, 1849, ae 79 yrs 2ms 28dys  
POST, Elizabeth, d. Feb. 22, 1854, ae 80 yrs 11ms 8 dys, w/o George  
POST, George, d. May 30, 1878, ae 80 yrs 6ms 28 dys  
HOFF, (Major) John, b. Mar. 30, 1775, d. July 21, 1870  
HOFF, Catherine, b. Aug. 20, 1806, d. Mar. 19, 1872, w/o Samuel  
HOFF, Samuel, b. Oct. 3, 1802, d. Jan. 8, 1887  
HOFF, Mary E., b. June 2, 1831, d. Feb. 5, 1846, d/o S. & C.  
BELL, Harriet A., b. Feb. 12, 1811, d. Nov. 8, 1860, w/o Calvin S.  
HOFF, Humphrey F., b. Apr. 18, 1829, d. Mar. 26, 1870  
SOMMERVILLE, Mary M., d. June 1, 1855, ae 6 dys, d/o S. & R.A.  
SOMMERVILLE, Rebecca A., d. June 9, 1855, ae 24 yrs 2ms, w/o S.  
SOMMERVILLE, John D., d. April 9, ????, ae 6 dys, s/o S. & H.  
SOMMERVILLE, Solomon, d. Aug. 28, 1872, ae 48 yrs, 11ms 6dys  
SOMMERVILLE, James, b. Feb. 2, 1795, d. Apr. 17, 1873, ae 78 yrs 2ms 15 dys  
SOMMERVILLE, Elizabeth, b. Mar 12, 1803, d. Dec. 5, 1884  
SOMMERVILLE, Infant child, d. Dec. 24, 1880, c/o J.W. & L.M.  
SOMMERVILLE, Lillie M., d. Dec. 31, 1880, ae 16 yrs 9ms 5 dys, w/o J.W.  
SOMMERVILLE, Frances E., b. Nov. 24, 1864, d. Aug. 24, 1897, w/o J.W.  
SOMMERVILLE, James B., b. Dec. 28, 1890, d. Dec. 29, 1891, s/o J.W. & F.E.  
SOMMERVILLE, Jacob, b. Feb. 5, 1828, d. Apr. 28, 1882  
SOMMERVILLE, Elizabeth ne GASTON, b. Aug. 9, 1832, d. Mar 9, 1912, w/o Jacob  
LYNCH, Laura A., d. May 4, 1885, ae 18yrs 7 dys, w/o G.M.  
SOMMERVILLE, Nancy May, b. 1860, d. 1932, w/o Solomon  
SOMMERVILLE, Solomon, b. 1859, d. 1936

Bethel Church Cemetery - cont.

WASHBURN, Ora (Inf. Dav.), b. Mar. 9, 1896, d. Aug. 13, 1896, d/o E.A. & L.  
 WASHEBURN, Miranda, b. Sept 7, 1863, d. May 18, 1896, w/o E.A.  
 STUTLER, Ruby P. b. 1908, d. 1974, w/o Lester  
 STUTLER, Lester A., b. 1894, d. 1946  
 STUTLER, Lida, b. 1868, d. 1939  
 STUTLER, Nellie, b. 1862, d. 1933, w/o Lida  
 HINKLE, Nathaniel, b. Aug. 26, 1810, d. Dec. 7, 1891  
 HINKLE, Catharine, b. Sept. 25, 1818, d. June 11, 1853  
 CHEUVRONT, Marianne B., b. 1836, d. 1919  
 CHEUVRONT, Charles E., b. 1859, d. 1873  
 CHEUVRONT, Jeremiah, b. 1826, d. 1889  
 CHEUVRONT, Boyd B., b. 1858, d. 1871  
 CHEUVRONT, Ellsworth, d. July 9, 1879, as 30 yrs  
 CHEUVRONT, Rebecca, b. Dec. 25, 1798, d. Mar. 4, 1867  
 CHEUVRONT, Caleb, d. May 15, 1865, as 74 yrs, 3ms 3 dys  
 CHEUVRONT, Boyd B., d. Dec. 29, 1871, as 11 yrs, s/o J.B. & M.B.  
 CHEUVRONT, Charles, d. Nov. 20, 1873, as 11yrs, 3ms, 3 dys, s/o J.B. & M.B.  
 BURNSIDE, John, d. Aug. 16, 1860, as 82 yrs  
 BURNSIDE, Elizabeth, d. June 22, 1861  
 BURNSIDE, James, d. Aug. 11, 1847, as 8 yrs, s/o R. & H.  
 BURNSIDE, Hannah, d. May 19, 1861, about 4 yrs  
 BURNSIDE, Nancy - no further data  
 BURNSIDE, W. N. - Age not given  
 BURNSIDE, Rebecca, b. July 6, 1828, d. Apr. 19, 1852, w/o A. Law  
 BURNSIDE, Joshua, d. Apr. 21, 1857, as 42 yrs 19 dys  
 BURNSIDE, Susan, b. June 6, 1813, d. Jan. 23, 1887, w/o Joshua  
 BURNSIDE, James, b. Jan. 15, 1813, d. Mar. 20, 1890  
 BURNSIDE, Hiram, d. Mar. 20, 1872, as 17 yrs 1 m 20 dys, s/o James & Rebecca  
 BURNSIDE, Telitha, d. July 6, 1855, as 3yrs 7ms 17 dys, d/o James & Rebecca  
 BURNSIDE, not legible, d. Sept. 22, 1860, as 14 yrs, 7ms 2 dys, d/o James & Rebecca

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INDEXERS NEEDED

Due to the untimely death of Winifred Scott, I do not have an index for Issues 1 and 2 of Volume I of the Journal. I also need indexers for Vol. II, Issues 1 and 2 - and a volunteer for Issue 3 which will be out in April. Please let me know if you are willing so that I can give you instructions on the method that we are following.

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NEW LOOK

You will note the new look to the Journal with some of the pages having smaller type. I decided to try it this way for two reasons - to get more information in the book and to decrease the number of pages by 4 - because we have been having a problem with the staples coming out in the mail. I realize that there are those of you who have an eye problem; I hope that this doesn't create too much of a strain on your eyes. I'll be interested to hear your comments. I'd also like to know if there is anything that you'd like to see in the Journal that we are not covering. AND - articles are most welcome. The more you folks write, the less that I have to.

THE GEORGE STRALEY SR. FAMILY  
by Joy Gilchrist

George Straley Sr. can be called "grandfather" by many Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. The son of Revolutionary War Soldier Christian Straley and his wife Christina Lantz, George was born about 1770 at a place unidentified. He was in his middle twenties when he came with his parents to reside in Lewis County on the farm that is now a part of the Lewis County Industrial Park and the Straley addition of Jane Lew.

Christian Straley came from Germany, date unknown, and lived in the Philadelphia area where he served in the period 1777-79 as a Private, 7th Class, Captain Isaac Cooper's 8th Company, 5th Battalion, Philadelphia City Militia, according to evidence of a General Muster Roll Book #1, page 44. He paid tax in the Northern Liberties section of the City of Philadelphia in 1780 and 1782. By 1789 Christian and his family had moved with other German settlers to Pendleton County, Virginia. Christian Straley, b. 21 Sept. 1742 and d. 14 Aug. 1818, and wife Christina, b. 1745 and d. 1820, are buried near the Tube Plant on the old Straley farm.

George Sr.'s two marriages, the first to Elizabeth Bonnett and the second to Margaret Roby, produced 19 children.

Elizabeth Bonnett was born about 1772, the daughter of Samuel and Mary Elizabeth Bonnett. Their marriage, recorded in Harrison County, now W. Va., occurred on 23 March 1796. The marriage lasted 28 years until Elizabeth's death at the comparatively young age of 52 on 19 Dec. 1824. She was buried in the cemetery of old Harmony Church where she, George and their Negro slave Emaline had been charter members.

Children by this marriage were:

1. Joseph S. Straley, b. 10 Dec. 1796, in Harrison County, now Lewis County, W. Va. He m. Elizabeth B. Hamilton, 30 April 1818 in Lewis County. Elizabeth was b. 15 Apr. 1802 in Fauquier County, Va. Her family came to the Hacker's Creek area in 1808. Joseph and his family moved to Ohio around the year 1823. They settled in Fayette County and resided about one and one-half miles southeast of West Lancaster. Joseph farmed the large tract of land until his death 31 July 1849. Joseph and Elizabeth were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the original society in Fayette County was organized in their home. After Joseph's death, Elizabeth married a second time to Benjamin Anderson. She d. 25 May 1877. Both Joseph and Elizabeth are buried in the Jasper-Jefferson Cemetery in Fayette County. The couple had 14 children.
2. Samuel Straley may have been the second child although it is possible that Elizabeth or John may have been next. He was born ca 1800. He also went to Fayette County where he m. Susannah Creamer on 31 Mar. 1825. Susannah was b. 17 Nov. 1802 and d. 18 Dec. 1856. She is buried in the Creamer Cemetery in Fayette County. Samuel's second wife was Armetha Redding. Samuel d. in Feb. 1882 in Union County, Ohio.
3. George Straley Jr. was born about 1802 in what is now Lewis County. On 17 Mar. 1826 he m. Ruth Chapman, d/o Valentine and Ruth (Stevens) Chapman of Frederick County, Virginia. They had ten children. Ruth (Chapman) Straley's second husband was Abraham Wolfe.
4. Christina may have been a twin to George Jr. I have an approximate birthdate for her of 1802. Her first husband was supposedly named Welsh. On 9 Sept. 1841 she m. James Robert Wolfe, a brother to Abraham Wolfe, who m. her sister-in-law Ruth (Chapman) Straley. James and Abraham were sons of Jacob and Anna (Straley) Wolfe. To date, the identity of Anna (Straley) Wolfe and her connection to the George Straley Sr. family is undetermined.
5. Mary Straley b. 27 Dec. 1804 in Lewis County was wed to Elijah Waggoner on 13 Mar. 1834. Elijah, b. 10 Jan 1801/1804, was the son of John and Susannah (Richards) Waggoner. Their family will be covered more thoroughly in "The Waggoners of Hacker's Creek" in the next issue. Mary d. 30 Aug. 1882.
6. Stephen Straley was b. 4 Feb. 1806 in Lewis County. He m. Mary Alkire 13 Mar. 1834 in Lewis County. Mary was b. 22 May 1815 in present-day Lewis County, the d/o Nicholas and Elizabeth (Bonnett) Alkire. Shortly after their marriage they removed to the area that is now Jackson County, W. Va., and there had 8 children. Of their children, only four - three daughters and a son - reached adulthood. Two sons died during the Civil War years and we have been unable to determine if their deaths (they were in their 20's) were the result of the war or the result of illness. Two other sons died in early childhood. Mary d. 2 Mar. 1879 and Stephen six years later on 8 July 1885. Both are buried in Jackson County.
7. Nancy Ann, b. ca 1812 probably in Lewis County (Harrison), m. Cornelius King on 12 Jan. 1837 in Lewis County. Benjamin F. Sedwick was the minister. Cornelius was the s/o Elijah and Nancy (Hurst) King. I have no further data on this family.
8. Nicholas Straley, b. ca 1813; m. (1) Sarah McWhorter, the d/o Walter F. and Margaret (Hurst) McWhorter. The date was 2 Mar 1851. The minister was Henry R. Bonnett. Sarah was b. 14 Aug 1817 and d. 22 Oct. 1850 at the age of thirty-three. There were eight children by the marriage. Nicholas' second wife was Catherine J. Punkhouse. They were wed 2 Mar. 1851.
9. Hannah Straley was b. 1815. At the age of 21 on 24 Nov. 1836 she m. John Edmonds. She d. 26 Aug. 1858 in Lewis County of dysentery. I do not know the number of children by this marriage.
10. Jacob Straley, b. Sept. 1816 on Hacker's Creek, m. 23 Aug. 1838 to Catherine Ann Freeman. They were the parents of 14 children. They lived most of their married life on Freeman's Creek and were buried at the Mt. Zion Cemetery there. Jacob d. 27 Oct. 1886; Catherine d. March 1900.
11. Susannah, the youngest of George's children by his marriage to Elizabeth Bonnett, was just six years old when her mother died. Her first marriage was to Thomas Batten on 22 Dec. 1850. Her second marriage was to Henry Stannard. No further details are known to me about this child.

Since the birthdates of the following children are not known to me, I list them at the end of this marriage because I am certain that they are of this marriage. It appears from the marriage dates that they would be among the older children of George and Elizabeth (Bonnett) Straley.

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12. Elizabeth Straley m. Paul Waggoner in Jan. 1821 in Lewis County.<sup>12</sup> Rev. John Mitchell solemnized the marriage. Paul was a brother to Elijah Waggoner who later married Elizabeth's sister Mary.
13. John Straley apparently accompanied his brothers Samuel and Joseph to Ohio. On 24 Apr. 1821 he m. Sarah Magnet in Ross County, Ohio. Although I do not have a death date for him, <sup>10</sup> have been told that he is buried in the same cemetery as his brother Joseph in Fayette County.

George Straley Sr. apparently struggled to raise his large family by himself - with the help of the older children - for, although it was common to remarry quickly in those days, he did not choose another wife until Nov. 1828. In that month, the court records do not say what date, he married Margaret Roby. It appears that Margaret Roby who was b. about 1802 was the d/o Cain Roby. George and Margaret were the parents of 6 children according to information found in the Straley-Hacker family Bible.<sup>18</sup>

14. Asa Kemper Straley, b. 10 Sept. 1829 in Lewis County, m. 20 Oct. 1853 in Lewis County, to Louisa Horner, d/o Samuel and Martha (Bonnott) Horner. <sup>12</sup> He served in Company K, 15th W. Va. Vol. Inf. along with his brother David Straley, during the Civil War. In 1874 he took his wife and eight children and moved to Kansas where he resided until 1896 when he went to Nebraska. <sup>19</sup> In 1900 he returned to Chapel, Braxton County, where he remained until his death 12 Jan. 1908. <sup>10</sup> Louisa d. there 6 Apr. 1907.

Asa was the only son of George and Margaret Straley to survive through adulthood. The early responsibility for the care of his mother was passed on to him at the death of George in 1846. He inherited the family farm with the understanding that he would care for her. When he prepared to move west, he passed the responsibility and the farm on to his only surviving sister and her husband, Lucretia and William P. Hacker.

15. Penwood Straley was b. 10 June 1831 according to the family Bible. No further evidence that he existed has come forth to date.
16. Presley H. Straley b. 4 Apr. 1833 according to the family Bible. Indications are that he was named for Presley Hamilton, the father of his step-sister-in-law Elizabeth B. (Hamilton) Straley. Presley Hamilton resided on Hacker's Creek and must have been a friend of George Straley Sr.
17. Juliann Straley was b. Feb 1835. On 21 Apr. 1859<sup>12</sup> she m. William Moore. Just five years later on 18 Apr. 1864 she d. at the early age of 29. She is buried in old Harmony Cemetery. Mention of Juliann will be found in the letters of David Benton Straley.
18. Lucretia Straley, b. 13 Dec. 1837 on Hacker's Creek, m. 16 June 1853 to William P. Hacker, the s/o Jonathan and Hannah (Bennett) Hacker. <sup>12</sup> William was b. 10 Mar 1830 on Hacker's Creek. <sup>20</sup> Either shortly before or in the early part of the Civil War, Lucretia and William moved to Jackson County, now W. Va. They took William's aging parents with them according to some family correspondence. By 1866, however, the parents (Jonathan and Hannah Hacker) had returned to Lewis County. Jonathan Hacker d. there on 14 May 1866 and Hannah the following year on 9 Apr; their death records indicate that they may have been living with their daughter Sarah (Hacker) Barnett.

By 14 Aug. 1867, Lucretia and William had returned to Lewis County and were caring for her mother - a widow with only two of her six children surviving. Consequently, they inherited the farm "so devised by said George Straley, on which he lived at the time of his death, lying and being in said County of Lewis on Hacker's Creek. . . . But a lien is hereby expressly retained on the land hereby conveyed for the support and maintances of said Margaret Straley as aforesaid."<sup>21</sup>

In 1916, the farm "on which he (George) lived, at the time of his death" was described as being bounded:

"On the north by the lands of W. O. Law's heirs, Jesse Swisher, et al;  
On the east by the lands of M. L. Law, Samuel Alkire, et al.;  
On the south by the lands of Samuel Alkire, et al., and  
On the west by the lands of Jesse Swisher, John Straley, et al."<sup>22</sup>

The home on the farm was occupied by William's and Lucretia's son, Festus and daughter Beasie until Festus' death in 1951.

William Hacker d. in 1891 after a long illness. Lucretia survived him by 16 years. She d. 9 Sept. 1907 at the family farm and is buried at Fairview.<sup>12</sup>

19. David Benton Straley, the youngest child of George and Margaret (Roby) Straley, was b. 6 July 1842.<sup>23</sup> He was four years old when his father died. David's story is one of the more interesting ones of the Straley family - perhaps because we are fortunate to have his picture and several letters which he wrote to his mother during his Civil War service. He was the only child of George Straley to lose his life in the Civil War. I'm going to let David tell part of his own story through his letters.

The first letter was written just a week after David's enlistment in the 15th Regiment on 8 Sept. 1862. His mood was high and he was ready to fight the Rebels. The reader will note the spelling and the accent used in this letter (i.e., "aleaveing"). His writing improves as the war progresses and he becomes more acquainted with the ways of the world.

Camp \_\_\_\_\_

September 15, 1862

Dear Mother and Sister I take my pen in hand to wright you a few lines and let you know how I am getting along. I have not been well for a few days but have not been so sick but what I could go on duty we have bin musterd in to the fifteenth regiment and have bin paid twenty seven Dollar bounty and thirteen Dollars for our own first months wages. I sent you twenty Dollars by George Boram which I suppose you have got by this time we have got all of our uniform but our blouses and I expect that we get our arms today



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several of our boys are not well but num are dangerous we were kept pretty close here can hardly ever get out of camp there is all kinds of people here you can see everthing good and bad agoing on at the same time there is preaching in camp twict a week and in one company they have prar meeting almost every night last night they had wright smart there. The Fourtenth regment left here yesterday and one company of the 15 is alcaveing now we expect to leave in a few days our regment lacks two companys of being full we all expect to get back there agin and I hope it wont be long untill we shall have the pleasure of hunting rebels in old Lewis and be ready to meet Jinkins or anybody else that dares to invade our soil git the the corn taken care of if you can and use the money that I sent you to the best advantage you can I have some more that I will send the first chance can git I want you to write to me as soon as you racive this and let me know how you are giting along direct your letter to me Wheeling Va in care of Captain Peterson I must bring my letter to a close as I have abed tonight. excuse all blots and mistakes so nothing more at present but ever remain

your affectionate son  
David B. Straley  
to  
Margaret Straley

No mention is made by David of the fact that this next letter was written on Independence Day. They probably didn't feel they had any independence to celebrate - the nation was torn. A copy of the "likeness" that David had taken this day is in possession of the author. David's black hair and black eyes are prominent and his is proudly displaying his handgun. He appears to have been quite close to Juliann, his sister, and I'm sure he was quite torn apart when he learned of her death just a few months later. Note that it is just weeks after W. Va. became a state.

New Creek                      Hampshire Co West Va  
July 4, 1863

Dear mother I seat myself this morning to inform you that I am well at this time and hope this few lines will find you well. I received your letter that you sent by G. W. Boram and was glad to hear from you and to hear that you was well. the most of the company is well and in good spirits we are still on this hill and I cant tell how long we will have to stay but I hope that we will not stay her long. the reports is that we will not stay more than two or three days longer I would not be surprised if we would be in Clarksburg before a week. mother I have sent my overcoat and dress coat to Clarksburg in a box with Alfred Hinzman and M. G. Waggoner. the box is directed to John D. Hinzman tell John that if he will get them fetched up that we will pay him for his trouble we did not need them So we sent them home to get shet of the trouble of taking care of them I am going down to town today to get my likeness taken if I can I am going to send it to Juliann she said that she wanted me to send it to her and I am going to do so if I can get it taken. we expect the paymaster here this evening to pay us off Mr Maxson is going to start home tomorrow but he cant wait till we are paid. I will send you twenty dollars by him and I will send you some more as soon as we are paid and I can have a chance Mother use as mutch of it as you stand in need of and if there is anymore you can have it till I come home. there was a sad accident happened in this regiment day before yesterday. there was a gun discharged by some cause in company C and it killed a man it shot him through the head killing him instantly the poor fellow did not know what hurt him I want you to write to me often and let me know how you are getting along. give my respects to A.K. (Asa K. Straley) and family & Juliann and William.

So no more at this time but remaining your son till death  
D. B. Straley  
to                      Margaret Straley

There is not much in this next letter to tell us about David's mood. The mention of "William" is regarding William P. Backer, the husband of David's sister Lucretia and this writer's g-g. grandfather. I have heard nothing about the rumor of him "being gone to the Rebels," although I do know that he was living in the Jackson County area at this time. Is there a reader who can shed any light on this?

Great Cacapon                      Morgan Co. W. Va.  
February the 5th 64

Dear Mother I Seat mySelf this morning to drop you a few lines to let you know that I am Well at this time and hope these few lines will find you enjoying good health. I received a letter from you bout a week ago and was glad to hear that you was well. I would have wrota sooner but Mr. Maxson was here and I wanted to send you my money by him so I thought that I would not write untill he was ready to go back home again. the Hebs has made another raid on the Road they burnt two bridges between here and Cumberland this week but General Averil got after them and gave them fits

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Mother I got a letter from Lucretia yesterday She said that they was all well with the excetion (exception) of the old lady (Hannah Bennett Hacker) she was still poorly. It is a mistake about William being gone to the Rebs he is at home and intends to stay there as long as he can

Mr. Maxson is going to start home this evening and I will send you forty dollars in money which I want you take care of for me untill I come. You must keep yourself comfortable if it takes all that I send you I want you to write us as soon as (you) get this and let me know if it comes all right and let me know what he is doing and when he intends to come this year. There is no news of importance. I will have to close for the present write as soon as this come to hand and let me know how you are getting along. So no more at present but rem(ember)

your affectionate Son untill

David B Straley to

Mrs Margaret Straley

This is the last of the letters in the files at the National Archives. These letters were submitted by Margaret Straley to help prove that her son David was her sole support and that she was thus entitled to a pension.

It seems that David wrote home quite frequently and it is doubtful that these are the only letters that he wrote. By now his sister Julianne has died. He seems to be in the thick of the fighting and the starvation. His mood has certainly changed; and, before too many more months pass, he too, will be captured or killed.

Camp Piatt

Kanawhat Co W Va

June the 30th 1864

Dear mother I take this opportunity to let you know that I am well at this time and hope these few lines will find you well I received your letter dated the 18th this morning and was very glad to hear from you and to hear that you was well. I have Seen a pretty hard time Since I wrote to you before the next day after I wrote to you we started for Stanton wich took Several hard days march we did not have to fight any at Stanton for the rebels was gon before we got there we rested one day at Stanton and then went on to Linchburg more than a hundred miles further where we found more rebels than we wanted to see we fought them two days and found them too hard for us So we had to fall back but we found a worse enemy to fight than the Rebels. our grub gave out and we came very near starving but thank god we are in yankey land once more where peace and plenty reigns.

people in our country complain of hard time and high prices but they dont know what high prices is till they go to dixey I will give you a list of the prices of things there flour sells at two hundred and fifty dollars a barrel and bacon at three dollars a pound and everything else in proportion. I am gorrow to say that we got Several of our company killed and wounded you must get along the best that you can for I dont know when I will get to come home there is six months wages due us now and I think that we will be paid before long if we are I will try and Send you some money write as soon as you get this direct to Camp Piatt Kanawha Co W. Va.

So no more at present but remaining your Son

D B Straley to

Margaret Straley

There are conflicting records among the military records found at the National Archives by Keith Parrish of Wauhington, D. C., regarding David's demise. According to the "Memorandum from Prisoner of War Records", he was "admitted to the hospital (where?) on August 26, 1864, transferred from the hospital to Ft. Fed. Hill in Balto on 10 September 1864" then on 26 September 1864 his regiment was notified that he had died on 19 Sept. 1864. However, the statement of his financial affairs at his death which was signed by Captain Wm. J. McCole of his company says that he was "killed in action at Winchester, Virginia, Sept. 19th, 1864." The inventory of his effects at the time of his death, signed by Wm. J. Nicoles (McCole???), Capt. Commanding the Company, says the he died of a "gunshot Received in Head in Action." Still another document, the "Declaration For Original Pensaion of a Mother," says he was "killed in battle" at Opaquon, Va."

Margaret Straley had quite a struggle after David's death. Numerous affidavits were submitted by various Hacker's Creek residents to the Federal government in her behalf. Among the affidavits are sworn statements as to the date of George Straley Sr.'s death. Other things that these affidavits tell us:

- that Margaret had two cows and one horse in 1861, one cow died prior to 1864 and that by 1865 she had neither horse nor cow;
- that before David's enlistment David bought Bread Stuff for his mother at the Mill of C.W. Borman, who is now (1882) dead;
- that David bought groceries at the store and he bought leather goods at the tanyard to make his mother a pair of shoes;
- that David did his shopping at the firm of B. and J.W. Jackson in Jane Lew.

Margaret was living as late as 1882 - at the age of about 80 years. Affidavits were presented to the government in her behalf in that year. She is shown in the household of her son-in-law and daughter, William P. and Lucretia (Straley) Hacker in 1880. I have not been able to determine her exact date of death nor have I been able to determine where she and her husband George Straley Sr. were buried. I THINK they were perhaps buried at Old Harmony, but I can't prove it.

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Endnotes:

1. Letter dated 5 Sept. 1975 from Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to Whom It May Concern, passed on to me by ??????; Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series, Vol. 1, pg. 358.
2. Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Vol. IV, pg. 358 and 480.
3. Letter to Keith Parrish from W. Va. Department of Culture and History.
4. Christian and Christina Straley tombstones in the Straley cemetery at Jane Lew.
5. There is some discrepancy among descendants as to the number.
6. Harmony Church Cemetery Records - readings by Richard W. Loudin and Latter Day Saints Church Genealogical Library Film No. 250,209, filmed in Morgantown from some original records and copied by Hartzel Strader.
7. The Methodist Protestant Church in West Virginia, Barnes, Rev. I.A., Stockton Press (Baltimore - 1976), pg. 20.
8. Keith Parrish research.
9. History of Fayette County, Ohio, Dills, R. S., (1881), pg. 652.
10. Research of May (Straley) White.
11. Research of Raymond Wolfe Jr.
12. Lewis County Court Records and Lewis County Historical Records Survey.
13. Guy Tetrick Papers on microfilm at Latter Day Saints Church Genealogical Library, Salt Lake, by M. Challender.
14. Leonard Davis.
15. Research of Benjamin Tatterson.
16. Minnie McWhorter Research on microfilm in W. Va. University Library, West Virginia Collection.
17. Research of Cris Waggoner.
18. Hacker's Creek Journal, Vol. I, Issue 2.
19. Asa Kemper Straley pension records, National Archives, copied by Keith Parrish.
20. Harrison County Court Records.
21. Lewis County Deed Book 5, pg. 48, copied by Stasia Bennett Brake.
22. Lewis County Deed Book 91, pgs. 454-455, copied by Stasia Bennett Brake.
23. David B. Straley and Margaret Straley records, National Archives, copied by Keith Parish.

MICHIANA ROOTS

Thanks to Lolita Guthrie of Bowling Green, Ohio, the Hacker's Creek Journal was recently written up by Carol Collins in her genealogical column, "Michiana Roots," in the South Bend, Ind., "Tribune." As a result of this article, we have received several new memberships. Thank! Carol and Lolita.

"Michiana Roots" is a weekly genealogy column carried each Sunday in the paper with a circulation of 125,000. Carol offers a free query service to researchers all over the country. So if you have roots in North Central Indiana, Southwestern Michigan and Northeast Illinois, you just might like to submit a query to her at: Michiana Roots, The South Bend Tribune, 225 W. Colfax, South Bend, IN 46626.

The column also carries advice about research techniques and passes along news of the genealogical world. The first four years (1972-1977) of the column have been collected in book form and can be ordered for \$15.95 at the same address.

SALUTE TO LEWIS COUNTY

During the Centennial Celebration for West Virginia in 1963, one of the Weston papers, the "Democrat" published a series of articles on Lewis County churches. There was also the following article about a book of poems published by Garnet Kimball Davis, a native West Virginian. At that time, her book was available from her in Colton, California, for \$2.50. Did anyone buy it? Does anyone have a copy? What became of Mrs. Davis?

Old Lewis County, here's to you  
And familiar locale that I once knew  
In Gay-teen and Hoaring-Twenty days,  
Not-to-be-forgotten, what merit praise!  
I recall both comedy and tragedy,  
Integral parts of all history.

I remember the summer sweltering heat;  
The chill of autumn that hurried to meet  
Old blustering winter, with ice and snow  
That melted in spring, when streams  
overflow,

But in spite of weather, its freaks and  
folly,

Life Life in old Lewis County, those days  
was jolly.

I think of Weston, the County Seat  
To my young mind, a city, ultra elite;  
Site of the hospital for mentally ill,  
Nearby was the famous Jackson's Mill.  
Boyhood home of the famous General  
Whose brilliant career was so ephemeral.

The Jackson acres accommodate  
The youth of the nation and the state  
And his spirit shines like a beacon lamp  
Upon the beautiful 4-H Camp,  
Where the saga of history is unfolded  
And youthful character is moulded.

Then Weston boasted industry  
A unique, world-famed specialty  
Hand-blown glass and crystal-ware  
Produced for people everywhere,  
Then rivaling the ascendancy of glass  
Bountiful wells of oil and gas.

I recall the faces of those long gone,  
But whose achievements still live on;  
All are facets of life, once dear to me,  
That I fondly cherish in memory;  
So I salute Lewis County - all my friends,  
Wherever her boundary extends!

- Garnet Kimball Davis

This poem was clipped by Betty (Wimer) Graybill and submitted for publication.

## Joe Straley, 105, Al Mason, 102, Die



Al C. Mason, as he appeared at the Richwood News Leader party for those 80 and over.



Joseph Straley, pictured as he was honored Nov. 20 at an open house when he was 105.

Lewis county's two oldest citizens died within a day of each other last week, one at age 105 and the other at age 102. Both had recently celebrated birthdays.

Alfred Curtis Mason, 102, of 261 Cottage avenue, died unexpectedly at 9:52 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at his residence.

He was born Nov. 11, 1881, in Villa, Kanawha county, a son of the late Joseph S. and Martha Turner Mason.

He is survived by his wife, the former Nellie E. Taylor, whom

he married Feb. 2, 1922; one daughter, Mrs. J.E. (Esther L.) Laird, White Plains, N.Y.; two grandchildren, Rebecca Louise and David Mason Laird, both of White Plains; one sister, Mrs. Dorothy Greathouse, Lilburn, Ga.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

Mr. Mason was a retired train dispatcher for the B&O Railroad with several years service.

He was a member of St. Matthew United Methodist church, a former member of the St. Matthew Men's Bible Study and the Board of Officials and Ushermen. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge 133, Gassaway.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday from the Boyle Funeral home with the Rev. Dr. U.E. Wills officiating. Interment was in the Weston Masonic cemetery with Masonic

Lodge No. 133 of Gassaway in charge of graveside rites.

Lewis county's two oldest citizens died within a day of each other last week, one at age 105 and the other at age 102. Both had recently celebrated birthdays.

Joseph F. Straley, 105, a resident of Potomac House in Jane Lew, formerly of View street, Weston, died at the home at 12:10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, following a brief illness.

He was born in Milaton, Mo., Nov. 28, 1878, a son of the late William Edgar and Isabelle Bell Straley.

On April 22, 1902, he married Icie Elizabeth Stout, who preceded him in death Oct. 20, 1959.

Surviving are two sons, Worth E. Straley, route four, Weston, and Ernest Ralph Straley, Auburn; a foster daughter, Mrs. Howard (Fannie) Moore, Junior; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters and two grandchildren.

Mr. Straley was a member of the First Baptist Church of Weston, a farmer and retired employe of the West Virginia State Road commission. He had been awarded the Order of the 35th Star and was believed to be the oldest resident of Lewis county.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 17, at 1:30 p.m. from the Floyd Funeral home with interment in the Broad Run cemetery.

# SOME COURT TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS

Submitted by Hartzel Strader. Originally published in "The Family Tree", a newsletter of the Montgomery County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 1584, Dayton, Ohio 45401

ADMINISTRATOR - The one legally authorized to settle and manage an estate.  
ADMINISTRATRIX - Female administrator.  
AL EIN - To transfer property.  
APPRAISER - Specifically one vested with authority to determine the value of property.  
CODICIL - An instrument made subsequently to a will and modifies it somewhat. Can add provisions and update.  
COEXECUTOR - A joint executor.  
CURATOR - (1) A person appointed temporarily, such as a sheriff or other public officer, until the administrator of the estate is named. (2) A guardian appointed for minors or others passed the age of pupillarity (generally 14 years of age for males and 12 years of age for females).  
DEVISE - To give by will, especially real estate.  
DEVISEE - Person who receives land or other property by will.  
DEVISOR - Testator, one who wills to another.  
DOWER (dower right) - That portion of, or interest in, the real estate of the deceased husband which the law gives for life to the widow.  
EXECUTOR - (Executrix) - Person (or persons) appointed or named in will to administer the testators' will.  
ENDOW - To furnish with money or its equivalent as a permanent fund for support.  
EL ALL - And others.  
ET UXOR (et ux) - And wife.  
FEE - An estate of inheritance in land.  
FEE SIMPLE - A fee without limitation to any class of heirs or restriction or alienation.  
FEE TAIL - An estate of inheritance limited to a class of heirs.  
HEIR - Any person inheriting any property of a deceased person.  
IMPRIMIS - In the first place.  
IMPUTE - To impose as a charge.  
INTESTATE - Without having made a valid will.  
INVENTORY - A Catalogue or account of the whole of an estate and its worth.  
LEGATEE - One to whom a legacy is bequeathed.  
NOLLE PROSEQUI - An entry on the record denoting that the prosecutor or plaintiff will proceed no further in his action or suit, either as a whole, or as to some count.  
NON PROSEQUITOR (non pros.) - A judgement against the plaintiff in a suit where he does not appear to prosecute.  
NUNCUPATIVE - Oral, not written.  
PROBATE - Act or process proving the last will.  
OBIT SINE - Died without issue.  
TESTATE ESTATE - Estate which is disposed of by will.  
TESTATOR - Person who dies leaving a will.  
TRUSTEE - Person to whom property is vested in trust for others.

## CORRECTION AND ADDITION

Volume I, Issue 3, page 19 - The death and burial place for David Smith Sr. was incorrectly given as Marion, Grant County, Indiana. It should have been Marion, Shelby County, Indiana.

Volume I, Issue 4, pages 65 and 66 - Edward Conrad Smith in his A History of Lewis County, West Virginia, left blanks for the surnames of four individuals who resided "from the mouth of Lost Creek, upwards, including the whole of the livers in the West Fork Settlement." Clerissa Tatterson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, informs us that these four - Abraham, Joseph, Elijah and Isaac - were all Staats.

## MINISTERS AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

In Volume I, Issue 5, page 132, an article appeared questioning the location of various ministers and justices who appeared in the early records of the area. Although nothing concrete has come forth on the location of these gentlemen to date, information from several sources leads us to believe that Jacob Westfall resided in the Randolph County area and that Benjamin Webb resided in the present-day Ritchie County area.

Mrs. Ann Westfall, a noted Westfall family researcher, reminded us that Harrison County, W. Va., was formed from Monongalia County in 1784 and that Randolph County was formed in 1787 from Harrison County. She noted that sometimes records are found in both counties (i.e., the same records).

## MARRIAGE RECORD INDEX

Jan Cosgrove, 15 College Avenue, Buckhannon, W. Va. 26201, has indexed the Historic Records Survey of Marriages for Upshur, Lewis and Pendleton Counties and has them for sale. She will also research an individual name in these records for 50¢ a name or make a copy of the Harrison County Marriages 1784-1795 for \$2.00 a copy.

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She also says that the Upshur County graveyard books should be ready by first of June.

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The Thomas Wolf Family Bible

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The Thomas and Phebe (Taylor) Wolf family bible descended to me by way of my maternal grandfather Earle Ray Casto (1884-1940). He was a grandson of Mary B. Wolf (1823-1898), a daughter of Thomas and Phebe.

The bible is a large book: 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 12 inches and 3 inches thick. At present it is in poor condition. Both the covers are unattached, the binding is broken, and a small number of pages are missing. It was published in New York by T. Mason and G. Lane in 1839. A note on one page reports "Thomas Wolf's Bible bought 1841/Price \$5.00." The family information is well preserved on pages lying between the Apocrypha and New Testament.

under Marriages:

- + Thomas Wolf was married to Pheby Taylor March the 5th 1806.
- + Phebe Taylor was born August 19 1789.
- + Andrew Paslee Wolf was born friday July 14th 1809.
- + Jane Wolf was born frday Aprile 19th 1811.
- + Thomas Wolf was married to Phebe Taylor march 5th 1806.
- + Thomas Wolf was married to Elizabeth Wamsley June the 8th 1846.
- \* Abram M Wolf and Tamer Bond was married September the 29 in the year of our Lord 1857.
- \* Joseph Flint and Mary B Wolf was married July the 24 year of our Lord 1845.
- \*\* Stickley Casto and Phebe Elizabeth Flint were married 1869.
- \*\* Earle Ray Casto and Mary Cowell Young were married June 30, 1912.

under Births:

- + Thomas Wolf was born Sunday March 5th 1786.
- + Pheby Taylor was born August 19th 1789.
- + Andrew Paslee Wolf was born friday July 14th 1809.
- + Jane Wolf was born friday Aprale 19 1811.
- + John Taylor Wolf was born monday December 20th 1813.
- + David Thomas Wolf was born wensday Aprile 2th 1817.
- + Phebe Wolf was born friday January 8th 1820.
- + James Ranphew Wolf was born thursday November 20th 1821.
- + Mary Wolf was born Saturday December 6th 1823.
- + Matilda ann Wolf was born friday December 15th 1826.
- + Abraham miller Wolf born November 2th 1831.
- \* Joseph Flint was Born March the 8 in the 1821.
- \*\* Phebe Elizabeth Flint born February, 1, 1847.
- \*\* Earle Ray Casto born May 23, 1884.
- \*\* Carol Rae Casto born May 11, 1921.
- \*\* Charles Clifton Chancey III born Sept. 3, 1955.
- \*\* Richard David Chancey born Sept. 3, 1955.
- \*\* Cynthia Anne Chancey born Sept. 27, 1956.

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under Deaths:

- + John Taylor Wolf Died July 13th 1816.
- + James Ranfew Wolf Died December 15th 1824.
- + Margett Starcher Died Febuary 21 1840.
- + Phebe Wolf Died July 8th in the year 1845.
- + Matilda ann Wolf Died July the 12th 1845.
- \*\*\* Thomas Wolf Died June the 12th 1853.

Notes: Those lines prefaced by '+' appear to be in the hand of Thomas Wolf. The entries preceded by '\*' are in a different hand. Those prefaced by '\*\*' are in the hand of Carol Casto Chancey(1921-1982), daughter of Earle Ray and Mary Cowell (Young) Casto. The '\*\*\*' line's hand-writing differs from all others.

Fragments of three listings concerning the Starcher family also are found at the back top of the bible's frontispiece, as follows:

.....her was born (monday?) March 4th 183...  
.....rgett Starcher was born mondy September 30th 1839.  
.....(to?)n Paslee Starcher was born mondy September 12th 1842.

The pages which contain this information have been photocopied and the photocopies have been sent to the society's library.

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A Note on two books owned by Thomas Wolf (1786-1853) and his family:

Two books owned by Thomas Wolf have come down to me. The first is volume one of The Works of the Rev. John Wesley (in 7 vols., New York, 1835). It is in good condition and has two notes in the hand of Thomas Wolf:

"Thomas Wolfs Book bought of Allen Jimison in 1841 Price \$1.50 cents" and,

"A Present to Abraham M Wolf by his father Thomas Wolf  
my son bild not your house two hight but all ways have  
before your Eyes that you are born to Dy"

The second book is titled The Universal Traveler: Designed to Introduce READERS AT HOME to an Acquaintance with the ARTS, CUSTOMS, AND MANNERS, of the PRINCIPAL MODERN NATIONS ON THE GLOBE by Charles A. Goodrich (Hartford, 1836). This book is in good condition and has four notes written on its inside front cover and first endpaper:

"Thomas Wolf his Book Price \$2.00  
Read it threw and send it home"

"I have Red it through and bought it holme  
David T. Wolf"

"Henry Curtis I have Re\_\_ it through and sent it Home 1840(?)"

"David T. Wolf I have Red it Through and left it at home"

The Abraham M. and David T. Wolfs referred to were sons of Thomas by his first wife Phebe Taylor.

- Clifton Chancey



# At Home in the Heart of Appalachia

by John O'Brien

A LATE AUGUST EVENING and we are driving into West Virginia. The small blacktop road snakes ahead through a narrow V-shaped valley that seems little more than an axe bite here in these mountains. The fields and open meadows on either side of the road are occasionally broken by gray split-rail fences. I don't recall ever seeing fences like them except down this way. It's difficult to say how old they are, but they're laid without nails so that they zigzag across the land. Some of the rails are chestnut, a tree long gone from the hills, and the fact that the fences remain is a testament to homespun engineering, as well as to the quality of chestnut itself.

Farther down the valley, we drive past an old, unpainted barn that leans crazily to the left, and then across a metal bridge. Now into Wardensville, a sleepy mountain town just across the state line. The houses here are modest and well kept and the streets quiet and empty. It's Sunday night. People on front-porch swings taking the evening air: old men, ladies in print dresses, adolescent girls in shorts and halter tops. Young girls down here seem to share the same expression, eyes half closed and mouth set slightly hard, a look of enormous boredom. The slowness of things. Maybe waiting for some good-looking fella to come cruising by in his hot Chevy or cleaned-up farm truck. Maybe not. Their legs are long and pale in the half-light.

Down another street and past the Dairy Bar. The lot is filled with angular young men hovering around cars and pickups. Caps that advertise CAT diesel or Southern States or Red Fox chewing tobacco. A lot of clowning around, that give-and-take of young men almost anywhere. Lips puffed out with snuff—what I've heard them call "snosse"—good old Copenhagen or Happy Days.

We cross the railroad tracks and leave Wardensville behind, and in less than a mile we are driving through pure country once again: small white farmhouses, clusters of Hereford cattle that seem oddly small, even considering the distance—dusk foreshortens things. On the left now, Seneca Rocks, and on the right, Harper's Country Store where you can drop a quarter into one of the big-headed silver machines and look up at the rocks. Or even buy a T-shirt with a picture of the store itself on it—though as a friend once said, why you'd want to do either is a mystery.

On down through the Mouth of Seneca and Smoke Hole. Place names are magic back through here. We cross rivers with names like Turkey Run, North Fork, and Lost River (which does in fact get lost—just sinks into the ground, goes under a mountain, and reappears on the other side). Or towns like Circleville, Frost, Clover Lick, and Stony Bottom. It's American poetry.

Our destination is Green Bank, my wife, Becky's, home place. We are returning with our children—Chris, now thirteen, and Shelly, eight—for the Blackhurst Reunion, a three-day family get-together that will include endless chatter, a gentle reawakening of family ties, and prodigious amounts of country cooking. It's not unusual, I suppose, for families to do this kind of thing anywhere, but back here it goes on all the time.

We entered the state not long after a soaking rain and the trees still hiss along the blacktop. Pieces of the storm still cling to the ridges, gray-white clouds that hang in tatters on the tallest trees. The night air is enough to make you drunk. I am up on the edge of my seat now, trying to balance my excitement. Chris is in the back seat with his chin resting by my shoulder. We watch for newts on the road, those curled bits of intense orange, so much like candied tangerine peel. The rain has set them into motion. I cut the radio on. There is that incoherent babble of sound, too many stations coming in all at once: pop music, commercials, some bluegrass, a fire-breathing country preacher, and the eerie whine of interference. The hulls are too close and too numerous back here for good reception. It's something I almost always forget. I snap the radio off.

Now we start to climb up and out of the valley and on through Cherry Grove: a few scattered houses, a store, and a gas station. I feel a certain rush. Not far from here, up in a high mountain pasture, I used to camp and fish for trout. It was years ago, back in college.

Almost at the top of the mountain now, leaving the valley behind, and here, the first sign to announce Green Bank. We're almost there.

THIS IS APPALACHIA. Indeed, West Virginia is called the Heart of Appalachia. I came from here. At least my parents did. I was born in Philadelphia, but my parents talked about West Virginia as home, and I guess I grew up feeling somehow culturally misplaced. Appalachian people are like that. For any number of reasons they're family- or people-oriented and tend to take the web of relations seriously. Not just brothers, sisters, uncles, and the like, but second and third cousins, great-great-grandfathers. You define yourself not so much by what you do as by whom you're related to. By where your relatives live, too. For many reasons, most of them entirely economic, people have been leaving Appalachia for a long time, but most of the people, like my parents and perhaps like me, never made the emotional break. That's why family reunions are so numerous and so important here.

You may define Appalachia either geographically or culturally. In geographical terms, it's an enormous

stretch of mountainous land that begins somewhere in Maine or even eastern Canada and then extends downward through parts of New York and Pennsylvania, all of West Virginia, and into upper Mississippi. Some 500 million years ago, the region was an enormous low shelf along the eastern ocean shore. There was a shallow sea here, and in the area now called the Appalachian Range, a vast trench ran almost the entire length of the present day mountains. After eons of accumulating sediment, the depression was thrust upward, forming an awesome range of mountains with peaks 60,000 feet high. That is difficult to imagine now as you drive through. The Appalachians resemble imposing hills more than mountains. They are rounded and smooth, worn down like old teeth by the weathering of many million years. The Appalachian Range includes the Blue Ridge, the Allegheny Range, and others, and they are gorgeous, especially now, turning dusky blue as dark comes on. Right now, as we drive, white-tailed deer are leaving their beds on these hills to begin a night of browsing. You have to watch for them. Come around a curve too fast and unaware, and you run the risk of hitting one crossing the road. You have to watch.

The other definition of Appalachia is sociological and has to do with the people who live throughout most of the region and who share certain cultural patterns. It is difficult to say exactly where this Appalachia begins and ends, but for most people it would include the mountainous area of western Pennsylvania, parts of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, and almost all of West Virginia. It is this area that has captured the attention of sociologists, cultural historians, Vista workers, folk-music collectors, and missionaries. Often when people think of this area, they conjure images of L'il Abner and Dogpatch, of the Beverly Hillsbillies, moonshiners, used-up coal towns, bearded men with long rifles lost in fends, and desperate poverty. And there is enough truth to all of this to make it difficult to see beyond the cliché. There is much more here, though, and there are times when these people grow weary of outsiders, the journalists and sociologists who seem determined to amplify the more sensational aspects of the region. The effect would be much the same if someone tried to present all of New York City by graphically describing street crime in the South Bronx and simply ignoring everything else. There is poverty here and sometimes conditions are harsh, but this is also an area of remarkable beauty, and most people are middle class, hard working, and doing pretty well.

To understand the people in this part of Appalachia, you must know at least a little of its history. A quick

lesson then: 1717, and the English Crown, attempting to subdue the Irish, was making life difficult for the Scotch-Irish in Ulster. The people were called Scotch-Irish because they originally came from Scotland. They had been encouraged to leave Scotland and settle in Northern Ireland by the Crown in an effort to put down the Irish and Anglicize the country. The Scotch-Irish did well in Ulster. So well in fact that linen and wool production there became a serious threat to British commerce in those articles. There was some religious persecution of the Scotch-Irish, but mostly it was economic depression caused by the Crown that forced them to leave Ulster. Between 1717 and 1764 some 1.6 million Scotch-Irish emigrated to America. They entered the country at Philadelphia and at Jamestown in Virginia. Many stayed in those areas, but many more, perhaps most, pushed on into the frontier. At that time the frontier was, of course, the Appalachians.

Of these people you may take two views. They were either rough and poorly educated malcontents who simply could not adjust to the more cultured life of Philadelphia and Old Virginia; or they were free and independent people who wanted no more outside interference—governmental or otherwise—in their lives. There is solid evidence for either view, though to be honest I prefer the latter.

In either case, the Scotch-Irish in the Appalachians found the freedom and isolation they desired in the rolling hills and narrow valleys of this region. They cleared the land and established small farms and communities. They treasured the isolation, were suspicious of outsiders, and became incredibly self-reliant. To survive here, they had to be all of those things. They were fabled Indian fighters and became as adept at forest fighting and outright savagery as the Indians themselves. The other, more cultured colonists valued them for this, thinking that they would provide a buffer between their towns and cities and the Indians. Perhaps the frontiersmen would solve the Indian problem. In part they did, but the colonists found that the mountain men were as likely to start Indian problems as to solve them. So even then Appalachian people were thought of, at least by some, as wild and strange.

The region was considered important, however, and George Washington himself suggested that the Appalachians be explored and settled, if only for their mineral wealth. Travel through the mountains was difficult, and so little real settlement was accomplished. There was greater interest in getting through the Appalachians and on into the West, and so major roads were cut through them in that direction, but little provision was made for routes leading north and south. This remains close to true today: it is very hard to find good roads going north and south through West Virginia.

In the last two centuries the region's history has been filled with human suffering and inspired lunacy. John Brown riding to the gallows on his own coffin, standing at the scaffold to announce what a lovely place he was about to die in. The Civil War. Western Virginia

leaving the Confederacy to become the state of West Virginia. Continued isolation. The coal and timber industry and a boom-town economy. Environmental rape. Resources playing out or at least becoming less valuable with changes in technology and the resulting poverty after the boom. Births, deaths. Feuds, squabbles, petty fights. Exploitation. Pretty much what you find anywhere, perhaps, only more so.

THE BLACKHURST REUNION begins today. There will be considerably more than 200 people—related by blood or marriage to Harry and Lula Blackhurst, the first of the line to settle in the Green Bank area, in 1901—assembled here to reestablish their common identity, to place themselves somewhere in the family history. Through winter, letters have been sent as far away as California, not so much invitations as announcements. We will gather here again. That kind of thing. So letters have been coming back: people will or will not be able to make it. An outsider would be surprised, I think, at the number of people willing to put themselves out—arrange vacation time, break engagements—just to spend a few days around people with whom, in reality, they have little in common, or a blood or marriage tie.

And so the days and weeks before the reunion's official starting date are frantic with last-minute preparations. Long-distance calls come in. People who at first did not think they could make it in fact will be here. Where will they sleep? Whom will they stay with? What time on Thursday or Friday night do they expect to be here? Someone else talks to say they will not make it. Food—who is bringing what and how much do we need? That last concern is no small thing, for the food that is presented will often be judged and talked about. There are legendary cooks in the family and recipes that sometimes are guarded. For certain people, it's a time to strut their culinary stuff. In three days you will gain weight that will take months to shed.

Forward evening now, and those relatives living nearest—Maryland, the Washington, D.C., area—begin to show. Doors slam and people pull themselves from cars. Well, by golly, you made it. I was beginning to think you'd gotten lost. Who, me? Do you have any idea how many times two women have to stop and pee? Oh, hush, says the lady in the new dress. It's all good-natured. People hug and shake hands and begin to tease. Uncles and brothers banter like rousers, and from time to time drop into a boxer's stance and throw a slow and delicate punch or two—mock fights that end in laughter and often in embrace. Women smooth down skirts and dresses with nervous hands and begin to talk as if making pronouncements. Well, Becky, the last time I saw you . . . Little kids hoot and holler and tear around. Adolescents are painfully shy. You become acutely aware of time and change. The fuzzy-headed kid who, six years ago, was as light and unself-conscious as a calf now seems deep and thoughtful. The uncle who seemed a vigorous young man now is subdued and calmer. He has gained weight and his hair is thinning.

There are babies, too. They have this person's eyes or that person's jaw. It's amazing what aunts and uncles can see in babies. Accents that had lost an edge in some place away from the mountains become pronounced again.

All through the evening the family assembles. Things get chaotic. Every room in the house is filled with people and conversation. The old

stories are told again. Someone is telling the one about my wife's grandfather, nicknamed Farmer because he had the role of a farmer in a school play, and the cat. An old ragged tom that took to stealing from the table. It jumped up there one day, and in anger Farmer whacked it with the handle of a heavy knife. To his surprise the cat fell dead. The children wailed, and Farmer, seeing no other recourse, took the carcass down to the river and left it on the bank. A few days later the cat appeared at the door resurrected, a large bump on its head.

And now Uncle Bud, one of Farmer's brothers, is telling of a summer day in Cass back in '26, when things were slow. One of the boys maintained that the stars didn't go away in daylight, but just were out of sight because of the sunlight. Well, suppose a fella was at the bottom of a deep well? Could he maybe see them? There is some debate, and they find a well but decide it's real well down there. So they find a wagon with heavy wooden sides and block off the top with boards. One of the brothers lies on the wagon bed looking up through a small opening. He sees only blue summer sky. And so an afternoon is spent trying to prove a somewhat wacky principle of optics.

The stories are not new, at least not to most people, but as with all great stories the point is in the telling itself, not in delivering real news. Efforts are made to make sure the new members of the family—especially, it seems to me, children approaching full consciousness—hear the stories. Jennifer, here now, your Uncle Bud is going to tell one you never heard. Again the point being, this is who your great-great-uncle was, and this is what he did. This is what you've come from and therefore who you are.

Later, after many people have retired, the darker stories are told. Smaller groups, often in the kitchen, talk about the harsh side of things, family tragedies, large and small. It's odd, but I've noticed a large difference in the stories men and women tell. Men tend to tell funny stories, usually about someone doing something foolish—often the teller himself. The stories women tell seem to deal with infinitely death or mental illness and often, if not always, there is a definite moral involved: the evils of ambition or drink or of not taking life seriously enough, often of thinking too much of yourself.

It will go on like this for three days. The reunion I've come back to is only one of literally thousands, but I expect they are all much the same—good people going through the ceremony of family. As I lie here in bed, I feel the weight of the past more than I ever have before. I've been listening to stories and reading Appalachian history, and a remarkable thing has happened: the people

in the stories as well as those in the history books have assumed three dimensions. They no longer lie flat on a page or exist as thin figures in a tale, but now seem human with all the loveliness and pain that go with that condition. They fill my mind and seem as real as the people sleeping in this house. Maybe that's what reunions do.

**T**HE SMALLEST KIDS are up first. I can hear their high-pitched laughter from the yard or other parts of the house. There is no pleasure quite like this, to be here in Grandma's house and to be indulged. Uncles and aunts make a fuss over you. You fall in love with older cousins, and probably best of all, normal rules of proper child behavior are stretched if not entirely abandoned. Grandma will cook you anything. Every trip to Trent's General Store is good for at least a pack of gum. As my daughter, Shelly, observed in absolute wonder, "You don't even me to beg!"

Local relatives stop by all day. Conversations at the road edge in front of the house, in the yard under the sugar tree, by the car in the driveway, and all through the house again—an awful lot of catching up and, of course, more stories.

A party is made up to go on into Cass, a town five miles away where one of the family grew up. When they come back, they seem thoughtful, as if seeing the streets and roads they walked when they were young—just seeing them—has worked some subtle change.

The food, of course. Baked ham and scalloped potatoes. Beans cooked up with bacon and onions. Salad from the garden. Corn ears and tomatoes. Chess pie, fudge, and another dessert so unbelievably rich it's called "Sin Cake." Hot rolls, gallons of iced tea, and everything else you can imagine. You tell yourself, Not this time. This time I'm going to practice a little restraint. It's a hopeless lie.

The old picture albums are taken out. Faded black-and-whites of bearded men and women in long dresses. You see them there flowing into the camera lens. More stories.

Later, as evening comes on, trips to the cemetery. It sits on a slight rise. There by Farmer's grave, you can look down through the valley, the hills just beyond. The evening air is sweet in the cedars.

When it's dark enough, a few home movies, and with them you feel time and change again. Adolescents are embarrassed almost to death to see themselves as "little kids." It's also hard on women who do not like to see themselves as younger. Here is a very old movie. It's a wedding day and here, the bride and her bridesmaids in their finery getting ready for the service. The figures in the scene move impossibly quickly. Someone leaves the room.

The day is ending. People are drifting off to their beds. Tomorrow there will be more of the same, and there will be a formal get-together at one of the churches in Cass. Bits of family history will be read and the official reunion pictures will be taken. A talent show, too, all the youngsters and young adults—all those willing anyway—will do a stunt or two.

**A**T MORNING, car doors slamming once again. People getting in this time. The reunion is over. Everyone is glad to get here but is now eager to get back to his own life. The people who played host to the reunion feel much the same. We'll do it again, all again, people say, pulling out of the driveway.

By midafternoon the house is quiet and oddly it seems larger now. Grandpa Jamie wants to take the kids on a truck ride back to his home place. This has been a Blackhurst reunion and he's a Sheets—the other side of the family. We dress up in old sweaters and tie on bandannas to keep the chilly air away and pile in the back of the truck. The youngest permitted to take the ride, a white-haired girl of four, sits on my lap and as the truck bounces down the dirt road, she sings the words: "I'm Rachel in Grandpa's truck and there's trees and grass. . . ." and on.

We leave the hardtop and take a gravel road and then leave that and drive down what amounts to a path through a sheep pasture. Once this was a real road and you can still see a vague depression, like an old scar, winding around the hill. We get to the home place, or what's left of it—one tall fieldstone chimney standing amid the vine-covered rubble. I walk in and around the ruins looking for signs of the people who called this home. I wonder any number of things about them, especially if, on some August afternoon, they ever imagined someone like me. Chris, my son, is looking hard at the ruins also. He wonders if maybe a snake might live around here, and if so, how about we catch it?

We drive to a high point and stop to look back at Green Bank. This strikes me as quintessentially human; find the highest thing in sight, climb up on it, and look down at where you started. On the way back we stop on one yellow dirt road, and Grandpa Jamie nods his head at the fields filled with scrub pine. He tells us they used to send him out here to pick blackberries when he was a kid and that it didn't seem like fun at the time.

A little farther down the road and he pulls sharply to the left—blackberries growing right on the edge. Everyone scrambles out of the truck and we pick and eat blackberries as if we're starving.

**W**E LEAVE TOMORROW. I wanted one walk before going and so now we walk along the abandoned railroad tracks along the Greenbrier River. We walk away from the town of Cass. I used to come here in the evening to fish for smallmouth bass. There's a good deep hole about two miles down, and the walk offers a number of fine scenes along the river. Sometimes you can see deer drinking down along the bank. Once I walked up on a rattlesnake, almost as thick as a man's arm, draped across the track. Tonight, only catbirds and dirty gray grasshoppers, flopping about clumsy and slow, as fall approaches.

Cass was a boom town back in the thirties. Millions of board feet of timber went screaming through the mill every day. At one time the town had the largest lumber mill in the world. Cass was as violent and colorful as any frontier western town. After months up in the mountains wild lumbermen, woodhicks, came

into town in their Richie shirts and spiked shoes to get drunk and fight. To find a lady friend. Some of their descendants are still here.

I've been in virgin forest a few times, trees cathedral high, sunlight coming down in slanting beams. It's not something you forget. This place must have been like that for the first people who came here. It's hard to imagine these hills that way. Cass is almost a ghost town now. There are rows of company houses, unoccupied and falling down. The enormous mill buildings are in an advanced state of decay. They stand in the center of town along the river bottom. The roofs have fallen through, and with some of the buildings all that's left is a skeleton. Weeds and vines threading up along the walls. There are even trees growing inside the structures. Sometimes I would come back along the track with a few fish on a stringer and stand there at the last lug curve looking into town. It was kind of spooky, mist rising off the river and drifting over the old broken buildings. It made them look soft and filmy, as if they were dissolving before my eyes. The thought of it still makes me feel strange.

We approach a small wood-frame house in poor repair. Again that Appalachian cliché. As we come up to it, a thin old woman comes out on the porch and sits herself in an old chair. "It's nice and quiet back this way," my wife says, smiling. "Oh, I like it," the woman says and smiles back. We go on down the track. Chris and Shelly skip ahead, throwing rocks.

On the way back we see the woman in her yard. A good pile of firewood there, well cut and well stacked. When she sees us coming, she hurries back into the house and then as we come up on the house, she appears on the porch again. "Not many visitors back this way," my wife whispers to me. I agree. We stop this time. My wife says, "Did you know my Grandpa, Allen Blackhurst? Farmer?" The old woman says, "I surely did. I'm a Cal-ford. Farmer and my father's brother used to. . . ." They talk that way. My wife asks if she can take a picture. "Go ahead," the old woman says, and then as soon as the camera is raised, her face changes. She suddenly looks very, very serious. Picture taking is a somber business in her world.

We say good-by and that maybe we'll come back some time, and then walk back to Cass. Again my mind is filled with too many thoughts. All these people—the ones who first came here, those living here now—there's something wondrous and rare about all of them. They say Appalachian people are pessimists, that they look back instead of forward. I'm like that.

Approaching Cass, the kids are racing along, jumping the ties. Their voices ring against the hills.

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A JOHN BROWN MAN

Note: The following article, copied from the "Walnut Valley Times" of 1 December 1905 in El Dorado, Butler County, Kansas, was submitted by Edward Keith, a g. grandson of Capt. William Bennett Keith. William was the son of James Keith Jr. and Phoebe (Bennett) Keith.

Captain W. B. Keith of Glencoe township, is a well known character in Butler county. He came to this county in 1876 and has been esteemed and honored as a good man and citizen.

Captain Keith was born in Lewis county, West Virginia, January 11, 1821, and grew to manhood there. In 1854 he caught the western fever and landed in Kansas March 9, 1855; he settled at Big Springs, Douglass county, fifteen miles west of Lawrence. He settled on a homestead and lost it, the land was not yet surveyed and when it was he was left out by a prior settlement, receiving however, payment for his improvements. Then he moved to Miami county and took another homestead, losing the land by endorsing for a friend. He lived in Miami county for 20 years. In the earlier years he became acquainted with "Old John Brown" and declares he was a man of morals and integrity. He was so "cranky" he would have no man in military company who used profane language. Brown was a praying man, a Presbyterian preacher, who regarded slavery as the curse of the Union and was resolved it should find no fast hold in Kansas and would and did do all he could to abolish it.

After Brown had fought the pro-slavery Missourians to a standstill in Kansas he determined to go to Virginia and asked Keith to go with him. Keith told him it was a piece of insanity. Brown said he could hardly hope to win but if he did not, he would further the cause. He had counted all the costs and dared to do what he did through a settled and immovable conviction of right. His fame is imperishable and his soul goes marching on.

Captain Keith knows nothing of the so-called John Brown spring, he never saw it and never heard of it: but he has often been to Brown's cabin. Brown's wife as Keith remembers was never in Kansas, Brown's sons were with him and one of them was killed though not in battle, at the sacking of Osawatomie. As the border ruffians passed his uncle's house they shot young Brown and killed him. Old John Brown knew no fear, says Keith, would die fighting for what he believed was right. "I have not the words," says Captain Keith, "to express my regard for old Captain John Brown; but I believe that he went safely to that country where sin and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more."

Keith followed Brown through the Border War, saw and fought the border ruffians and his whole being revolted against the laws their bogus legislature adopted, disgraceful even to a heathen people. These ruffians came with shotguns, revolvers, rifles, muskets and bowie knives and drove anti-slavery voters from the polls. They sacked and burned, they intimidated, killed and wounded free statemen until John Brown and his men met them on their own terms and drove them from Kansas. It was harsh but Brown knew the medicine that only could cure and he administered it.

At one time Captain Keith was selling goods in the Indian Territory from a wagon. He was a democrat though a free-state man, which is somewhat contradictory. The manner of his conversion is amusing. These same marauding Missourians captured him and took his horses, two of the ruffians on another, taking him to a place where many free state men had been murdered. As they neared the timber Keith turned his horse loose and made the brush crack with his speed, his captors shooting at him. They attempted to head him off, when he dropped off his horse and took the back track, escaping from them. When they quit hunting for him he started for Kansas. Next morning they were watching for him at the forks of the road and he slipped into the timber, sat down on a log and did some of the most serious thinking of his life. That cured him of his democracy; he has never missed voting the republican ticket since.

Captain Keith, whose first wife (Rebecca Duval) died many years ago, has seven children living. Mrs. Martha Lowell, Luther, Oklahoma; Permelia Keith who resides at Rosalia; his eldest son D.F. Keith resides in Wichita; Mrs. Mary P. Mason is at Anadarko, Oklahoma; John E. Keith at Wilson and James R. Keith at Rockville, Idaho and Joseph L. Keith lives in Hickory township. His 81 years rest lightly on him. he is wonderfully spry for his years. He is quite proud of his association and soldiering with "Old John Brown of Osawatomie."

Keith was Captain in the 10th Kansas Cavalry and saw the real article of service in fighting for the Union. He was one of the charter members of O.P. Morton Post C.A.R. organized at Beaumont - now disorganized.

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James Keith Jr. was the son of James and Mary Alkire Keith.

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SKIDMORE BIBLE

The following records were transcribed by Joy Gilchrist from a Bible in the possession of Mrs. Christine Dillon, C.R. 9, West Lafayette, Ohio. Mrs. Dillon is from Webster County, W. Va.

John Skidmore was born May the first 1829.  
 Levi Skidmore was born February 22nd 1846.  
 Margaret Skidmore was Born August 19th 1853.  
 Levi Skidmore and Margaret Skidmore was "maried" August the 17th 1871  
 Margaret Skidmore died Aprile 29th 1882.  
 Hanson Skidmore was Born September the 19th 1872.  
 Charlen D. Skidmore was Born december the 15th 1875.  
 Idia Jane Skidmore was Born August the 13th 1878.  
 Phebeann Skidmore was Born november the 2nd 1880  
 Mary Starcher was Born May the 12th 1864 (2nd wife).  
 Levi Skidmore and Mary Skidmore was married March the 20th 1884.  
 Isaac Skidmore was born Aprile 17th 1856  
 Nancy Skidmore was born October 14th 1858  
 Mary Jane Skidmore was (born) February the 1the 1862  
 Lucinda Skidmore was born Aprile the 30 1830  
 Verda Skidmore born May 27th 1896  
 Henry Price Skidmore born Oct. 10th 1897  
 Henry Price Skidmore died Oct 6th 1900  
 Hanah Skidmore was born May the 12th 1811  
 Isaac Skidmore was born September the 18the 1812  
 Jane Skidmore was born April three 1814  
 Thomas Skidmore was born January the 22the 1816  
 Mary Skidmore was borne October the 11th 1817.

QUERIES

1. Seek info on g. grandfather (and ancestors): Jacob SMITH b. ca 1830; m. ca 1849-50 Elizabeth b. ca 1833; three children - Charles William, b. 1854; George b. 1858; unnamed (maybe Wyrick who died early) b. 1860. Jacob killed in a war, and Elizabeth later m. Daniel WILFONG. Donald E. SINES, 25 Eaton Rd., S.E., Rio Rancho, N.M. 87124.
2. HUDKINS, Bennett. Bennet w/ wife Nancy (ANGLIN) and at least some of his nine children came from Montgomery County, MD, to the Hackers Creek area about 1795. "He probably resided on Brushy Fork of Elk Creek or Hacker's Run or Fox Grape Run or in the vicinity of the watershed between Hacker's Run and Elk Creek." He is found on the 1810 census in Randolph county w/ 3 children and 1 Negro slave. No mention of a wife. The son, Henry HUDKINS m. Mary ISNER in 1810 in Randolph, but by 1850 had moved to Indiana. Seek any info. regarding this HUDKINS/HUDSKINS/HOSKINS family. Debbie REYNEN, Box 10, Site 1, R.R. #2, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada T0C 1S0
3. EWING, William, d. Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1825. Purchased his land in Musk. Co. while a resident of Monongalia Co., probably nr. Prickett's Creek where his son Alexander m. Catherine GALLIHUE in 1808. Would like to know if this is the same Wm. EWING who sold his land in Frederick Co. and left there around 1788. Mrs. C.G. DUDLEY, 1305 Pauls Lane, Zanesville, Oh 43701
4. John MITCHELL, b. 1770, d. ca 1830, Harrison Co. Was he father of Lucinda MITCHELL b. 1810 Va.? She m. John KELLER Apr. 1830. John MITCHELL wrote his consent. Document does not say daughter. Robert & Solomon MITCHELL witnessed consent. Census allows for a female 1810. Does anyone have list of children of John and his 1st wife? Solomon d. 1852, buried next to Lucinda & John KELLER, Pleasant Creek Cemetery (Barbour County). Were Solomon and John brothers? I will reimburse postage. Mrs. Lester F. SAFFELL, 610 Stevens Ave. N.W., Renton, WA 98055
5. Seeking info John CARNEY, father of Thomas who lived at Stone Coal Creek near Buckhannon 1788-1810. Thomas m. Mary "Polly" PARSONS in Harrison Co. 1788. She was d/o Charles and Elizabeth (CHESTNUT) PARSONS. John Carney moved to Mason Co., (W.) Va., near Ripley w/ Thomas & Mary in 1811. Marrieda Derrick EDENS, 656 Gordon Dr., Charleston, WV 25314, Ph:304-346-5495
6. (a) Constantine HUGHES b. 10 Jan. 1782 Loudon Co., Va., d. 23 May 1848, Vermillion Co., Ind.; m. Hannah GIFFORD 18 Jan. 1807 Harrison Co., (W.) Va. Came to Ind. 1828. Was his father Thomas HUGHES? Others claim his ancestry has been traced to William HUGHES who was on staff of Gen. George Washington in the Va. War, prior to the American Revolution. Wish to compare notes and share information and share info. Constantine & Hannah lived at Shinn's Run near Shinnston and were m. by Rev. Issac Norris. 13 children by the marriage. (b) Hannah (GIFFORD) HUGHES, B. 26 May 1787 Va., d. 7 Jan 1857, Vermillion Co., Ind., d/o John and Mary (JACOBS) GIFFORD, Sr. John settled Booth's Creek 1772. He was b. before 1755 and d. before 1820 in Harrison Co. Seek others working on this family. (c) Mary JACOBS m. John GIFFORD, Sr., date unknown. Mary was d/o Jacob and Hannah ( ) JACOBS. This is all the information I have on this family. Can anyone help? Lois M. Johnson, 7105 Howard Avenue, Hammond, Ind. 46324.
7. Need parents, birthdates, etc., of Margaret BONNET, George S. MARSH and John Columbus STEWART. George MARSH m. Margaret BONNET, 19 Dec. 1834. John C. STEWART m. Margaret CORATHERS, 30 Mar 1880. Would like to hear from anyone interested in these families. Mrs. John STEWART, 12 Mansfield Avenue, Mt. Vernon, Oh 43050
8. Seek parents Silas A. HACKER, b. 8 Oct. 1854, d. 2 June 1894, buried Buckhannon Run Cemetery. Also parents Margaret (HACKER) Kee, d. 19 Jan 1883, b. ca 1848. Believe her to be sister to Silas. Have been unable to fit them into the John HACKER-Margaret SLEETH family tree. Joy GILCHRIST, 22406 S.R. 751, West Lafayette, Oh 43845

A WILSON - HARDMAN FAMILY

The following information was copied by James Evan Wilson, 817 Crocus Drive, Rockville, Md. 20850. He believes it is possible that Walter Wilson's family migrated from Ireland long before his birth as a result of a religious uprising in Scotland. The underlined names are those of his direct ancestors.

Walter Wilson came from Ireland in \_\_\_\_\_ (Scotch-Irish?) and settled in Louis (Lewis County), West Virginia, in 1807. Unto him and his wife Mary \_\_\_\_\_ was born six known children: John, Jane, Eliza, Michael, James, and one other whose name is not known.

Michael H. R. Wilson born August 12, 1813 and died December 3, 1855, the son of Walter Wilson, married Anna Maria Hardman who was born in West Virginia on June 18, 1812 and died in Indiana on January 24, 1885; the daughter of Jacob Hardman, were married by Rev. John Clark, February 21, 1834.

The same year they came to Madison Co. Indiana from West Virginia and unto them were born the following children: Jacob b. Dec. 28, 1834 d. 1835; Rhenhama b. Feb. 29, 1836; Leverna b. April 12, 1838; Archibald b. Oct. 7, 1840; William Marshal b. March 14, 1842; Anna Malvina b. Oct. 13, 1844 d. April 8, 1845; Isabell b. Feb. 18, 1846 d. March 3, 1847; Anthony Edward b. Dec. 3, 1848.

The father and mother of Jacob Hardman were shipped from Germany to America and were bound out to pay their transportations. The mother payed hers first and then payed the fathers. After their debt was payed they were married and unto them were born a son named Jacob. Jacob Hardman when grown to manhood took Anna Heinz as his companion and unto them were born the following known children: Eliza; Thomas; Anna Maria; Martin; George; Betay; Cravel?; Alcinda (Pierce); Peter; Leverna; Arvilla (Range).

7. It has been suggested that the admission fee for non-members who attend our meetings be increased. This is due to the large amount of valuable information that is made available to those people not interested in paying a membership fee yet have access to all the available records they desire for practically nothing. Nor do they give the Organization anything in return.

8. Jan Cosgrove suggested the possibility of engaging a local group of actors headed by Craig Gohsen, of Horner, who put on a play of "Pioneers of the Monongahela Valley", depicting daily life, hardships and Indian raids experienced by the Pioneers. This group has been well received by other Organizations in the area and perform in the traditional garb of the time. This play lasts approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours and could be held Sat. evening after the Banquet. Need responses to this suggestion.

9. Suggested that the Speaker at the Banquet be a person well versed on the History of Hackers Creek and the Settlers of the area. This would be more beneficial to the members than having someone with only a general knowledge of the Pioneer History and people involved in Hackers Creek. How about Joy Gilchrist putting some thought into this?

10. Robert B. Smith is in the process of preparing a map of Hackers Creek and it's Tributaries showing land surveys of 1784 to 1790 for the first Settlers and also designating the places of major events that took place during the period and the locations of the Forts and Dwellings. Hopefully this will be ready by our next gathering.

11. Bill Adler has given us, as a group, a challenge to locate and have marked all the places of historical importance in the Hacker's Creek area. The Dept. of Highways will be contacted in reference to the possibility of placement of Roadway markers and signs at and to these places of interest. This would increase tourism in the area. I think that Bill Adler should be commended for the articles that he has had published in reference to the Hackers Creek people and places.

After our meeting we had lunch and proceeded on a tour of the upper Hacker's Creek as far as the Buckhannon Run Church and School House. Along the way I pointed out the approximate boundary lines of the Settlements made by Jesse Hughes, William Lowther, Samuel Bonnett, David Smith, David Wolfe, Alexander Sleeth, John Sleeth, John Hacker, Jacob Cozad, George Arnold, John Alkire and later settlers on Buckhannon Run and Frog Run. We also noted other interesting things such as an old log barn at the mouth of life's (Bonnets) Run which stands on Samuel Bonnett's original Settlement and has logs notched in the same manner as those in the Old Hacker Barn and on the John Hacker Settlement land. We observed the Cliff of Rocks where the Bones of the Indian were found. We also noted the area in the vicinity of Berlin where the Cozad boys were captured in the creek. I also pointed where the John Hacker Cabin and Well were located on the original farm.

We had a beautiful afternoon for the trip and enjoyed every minute spent. As for myself, each time that I travel up Hacker's Creek, which has been many over the years, I have the feeling of being with my Ancestors as they traveled the same ground 200 years ago. To some people this may seem weird but I not only have a bad case of Genealogy Fox but very possibly have a case of Pioneer Fox too. On our arrival back to reality and the Restaurant we agreed to have another meeting in the near future to discuss further activities and resolve those herein stated. Comments on the meeting are welcome.

*Robert B. Smith Pres.*  
Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants

Last Minute Word from President Bob Smith

Lost Creek, W. Va.  
Mar. 17, 1984

Ref: Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants

The Executive Committee met Mar. 17, 1984 at the Jane Lew, I-79 Exit Truck Stop Restaurant at 10:00 a.m. with Robert B. Smith, Pres., Jan Cosgrove, Vice Pres., Linda Kaufman and Janet Ocheltree being present to discuss possible projects for this Organization in the coming Spring, Summer and fall.

1. Through a telephone conversation, Mar. 16, 1984, between Maurice Allman, (Chairman of maintenance of the Morrison (Hacker) Cemetery) and Robert B. Smith it was proposed that Mr. Paul Alkire should clean a part of the cemetery, about 1/8th., and give the Organization an estimate of the cost to keep the cemetery cleaned through the Spring and Summer months. Mr. Allman and Mr. Alkire could not be present due to other commitments beyond their control.

2. Concerning the upcoming Harrison County Bicentennial events of 1984, Robert B. Smith has contacted Mr. Jim Pool at the Clarksburg Public Library and Mar. 16 had personally contacted Mr. John McCuskey, Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, to discuss the Hacker Creek Pioneer Descendants involvement in the celebration. It was suggested that our Organization furnish such material that is pertinent to the settlement of Hackers Creek and the formation of Harrison County as we have in our records to provide. There is to be a Parade, (no definite date set at this writing), in which we could be recognized. Robert B. Smith to contact John McCuskey as to the format and dates of the events of this years celebration.

3. It was suggested by Jan Cosgrove that a small log cabin, owned by Mr. Glenn Rohr, of Buckhannon, that could be mounted on a truck or farm Trailer to be used as a float during the Bicentennial parade. Buckskin and primitive clothing for participants on the float might be available through a local acting group. Jan Cosgrove will check into this matter and report the findings to our group. We feel that such participation could give our Organization well deserved recognition.

4. It has been suggested that our Journal should be punched for three ring binder, with the cover sheet and index and mailed in manila envelop so that our members could have a better way of preserving our very informative and important Journals. We would like to get a response from other members in this matter.

5. It was suggested that our Organization have a membership drive with a prize to be given. At our Fall meeting, to the person who gets the most members signed up before Sept. 28, 1984. This prize could be such as the painting of "Jackson Mills" by Linda C. Turner or Howard W. Smith who are two of our illustrious members. Other suggestions will be welcomed.

6. We had a discussion of the possibility of having Bus Service for a tour of the Hackers Creek Historical sites. Many of the people were pleased with the tour last year, but we feel that a map of the area with the important sites noted in it will be more beneficial to those taking the tour and that a tour by Bus would also be faster than a tour by a caravan of cars and more time could be spent at each site. Janet Ocheltree will look into the feasibility of Bus Service and report to the Committee.

7. It was suggested that a large copy machine be made available to the group at the Fall Meeting which could possibly be rented for the three days and operated by a competent person of the Organization.



# Edward Lee Alman

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